Bethany News

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN

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Monthly Meetings

Church Council & Finance Committee Worship Committee Men's Breakfast WELCA Circles WELCA Exec. Board

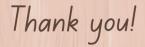
2nd Tuesday 1st Monday 1st & 3rd Saturday 1st full week 3rd Thursday

Crew 9 BSA Troop 9 BSA

Pack 9 BSA

every Monday & Tuesday and 3rd Friday Night every Monday Night every Tuesday Night

A Message From Our Pastor:



Thank you all so much for your prayers, support, and gifts as we welcomed Bobbie last month! The congregational gift as well as all the personal gifts mean so much to us. For the time being we are soaking in



the newborn snuggles but we look forward to seeing everyone when I return after Christmas. Thank you again, everyone, your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated!

~Pastor Bre, Tom, and Bobbie



A Message From Our Council President

We are thankful for all of our blessings!

During Pastor Bre's Maternity Leave, we are bless to have our Supply Pastors, Pastor Stoner and Pastor Gebhart. If you were unable to attend one of their sermons or you would like to see it again, our website has all the services on line for your viewing pleasure.

We are grateful for ALL the volunteers we have here in our church.

Currently our Council is in need of one more member to complete our required number of 12 members on the board. Council is a wonderful opportunity for you to be come involved and help shape our future. The time you donate to the church, is a true gift from God. Please see either Stephanie or Rick on how you can make a positive impact in our community. Our next Council Meeting will be on November 11, 2025, 7:00 PM please feel free to visit.

Lastly, we are also indebted to of our Veterans. Thank you for your service

Grateful for you all

Stephanie Staudenmayer



Fellowship

At the October 14th, 2025 Council Meeting, our "Coffee Hours" were discussed concerning the timing and the "Hosts," who provide the refreshments. (Fellowship will provide table settings and the coffee.)

It was agreed to:

- Our "Coffee Hour" will be once a month, on the first Sunday of the month. This will give Sunday School parents a place to enjoy fellowship.
- Our standing committees can take turns "Hosting" the events.

Council volunteered for November 2nd WELCA volunteered for December 7th

Future hosting can be discussed at your Committee Meetings; small committees may want to partner with one another for example: Worship & Staff Support; Finance & Stewardship, Choir & Music, etc.

There will continue to be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, so the committees can determine how much food is needed. Your suggestions and ideas are very welcome!

Thank you,

Your Fellowship Committee

Social Ministry

Climate Resilience Kit Update

Our WELCA groups announce that as of October 16th, we are over halfway to our goal to collect \$910 to cover the cost of a "Climate Resilience Kit" World Hunger Good Gift, to help a community that has suffered a weather emergency get back on its own feet!

The Climate Resilience Kit includes: seeds and seedlings to create a community fruit-tree farm, with a community vegetable garden, farmers' field school, honeybees, three environmentally friendly cookstoves, and an irrigation project — all specifically selected to be heartier through the types of weather emergencies occurring in the area. Combined with the hard work of community members, this gift can provide delicious and nutritious fruits and vegetables for years to come!

As Leonard from Tanzania said, "After being given training on climate-resilient farming skills, based on improved seeds, drought-resistant crops and general farm management, my family got good harvests. I can meet my basic needs and eat three meals per day! I would like my fellow community members to engage in climate-resilient agriculture like irrigation farming, which could save us from hunger, improving our food security and ultimately the well-being of our whole community."

THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who has contributed to this gift! If you're planning to contribute, and haven't made your gift yet, now would be the perfect time. There are specially marked envelopes in the back of the church, or simply mark your gift "Climate Resilience Kit".



What a JOY it is to help make a real difference in people's lives like this!

Blessing

Your Social Ministry Committee



Cinnaminson Palmyra Riverton "Scouting for Food" Program



To help needy families in our community, Scouts from our "Pack, Troop and Crew 9 units" will be dropping off bags at your home on Saturday, November 8th and we will picking up your donation on Saturday, November 15th. Please have your donation on your front porch by 8:00 AM. All food donated through the "Scouting for Food" will be given to:

Bread of Life Food Pantry, Epworth United Methodist Church

THANK YOU

For your generous contribution of the **2025** Scouting For Food Drive.
Your willingness to SHARE Shows that you CARE!
Thank you from the scouts of Cinnaminson, Palmyra, Riverton.

We are in need of help in putting our bags out on November 8th. If your youth needs Community Service hours, a letter will be given.

We will be meeting at Bethany 8:30 AM and lunch will be provided.

Please let us know if you can help, so we are prepared for lunch.

If you have any questions call or text 856-297-3799.





Stewardship Letter

Thanksgiving and Advent Season

Hello Bethany Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving and Advent Season to All.

It is the time of the year when we begin to celebrate and give thanks for all our blessings, which we should be thankful everyday as Christians. The Thanksgiving Holiday make us remember all the years with family and friends getting together for a feast at the home of our parents or grandparents each year. What is your favorite holiday dish? I really like the turkey and stuffing covered in gravy with some mashed potatoes on the side! As we prepare for this time, we need to remember those who are less fortunate than we may be and need our help. Let us donate whatever we can to the local food pantry and help the Boy Scouts with their food drive this month. Many families are struggling to put food on the table and to stay warm as the weather changes at this time of the year.

Then as we go forward, the Advent Season will be upon us before you know it. The birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ whom God the Father sent to redeem us and show us the way to salvation and everlasting life in Heaven. We must know that he died for our sins to give us ever lasting life and happiness if we trust in him.

We must also remember our community and the good things that our Church provides both in our congregation and all over the World. Let us help the WELCA Ladies achieve their goal with the ELCA Hunger Drive this month. We are already more than halfway there; the rest will come as we are all very generous and loving when it comes to our stewardship. Our Stewardship Team will be meeting this month on November 12th, 2025, at 12:00 PM in the Miller House. Please come and join us if you have time, as we could use a few new members in our group!

Thank you all for your gracious and generous giving as always!

May God Bless you all and keep you safe, healthy, and happy! Remember God loves you and wants you to love him too! So, let us spread the love as Jesus has taught us as we go through our daily lives. **Amen!**



"For God so loveth a Cheerful Giver" 2 Corinthians Thanks be to God!

Tom Willard - Chairperson



We recently had 168 families receiving help.
As food prices have risen recently,
ongoing donations are especially needed.
Drop off in the Narthex or
call the office at 856-829-2373 for pickup
At Your Home!

DONT FORGET

TO SET YOUR

CLOCKS BACK.

NOVEMBER 2, 2025





O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its embers grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our beloved siblings who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2021

2024

William R. Batchelor Edward W. Conover, Jr. Pamela A. DeForest Carol A. Riley

2022

William A. Gerhart Rev. Howard M. Norris George R. Saylor John Joseph Bagocius

2023

Francis "Michael" Brennan Thelma E. Lamon Bernice E. Merz Elaine S. Stinnett Georgia K. Horter Joe Higgins James T. Cheney, Jr. Betty L. Mills Mary Lou Batchelor Robert E. Deats Diane E. Dreby Brian R. Fleming, Jr. Paul R. Slojewski Lynn C. Perez John Fackler

2025

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WELCA

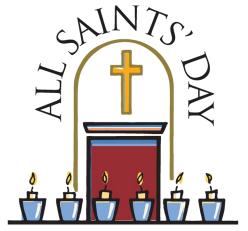
Excited to announce, WELCA has collected \$ 333.00 towards the "Climate Resilience Kit, World Hunger Good Gifts." We will continue to share our progress as we work toward our goal of \$910.00.

We will be participate in the Epworth United Methodist Church's Angel Tree. Be sure to pick up your Angel in the Narthex. All Angels will be due back on December 14th.

Due to Election Day being on November 4th, we have moved our next meetings back one week to November 11th and November 12th. The topic will be "Secret Life of Gardening."

The next WELCA Executive Board meeting will be on November 20th.

Worship Committee



Highlights in October:

Pastor Dave Stoner was our Guest Pastor on October 5th, 12th, and 19th. Pastor Michael Gebhart was our Guest Pastor on October 26th.

Coming up in November:

Pastor David Stoner will be presiding at the church services on November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Pastor Michael Gebhart will be presiding at the church service on November 30th.

Services coming up in November:

November 2nd: All Saints Sunday

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November 23rd: Christ the King Sunday

November 25th: (Tuesday) The Triboro Clergy Association Thanksgiving Service will be held at

Temple Sinai, 2101 New Albany Road, Cinnaminson, NJ at 7:00PM. All are welcome.

November 30th: The First Sunday of Advent

Enjoy the cool days of November. Thank the Lord for our many Blessings, not only on Thanksgiving Day (November 27th) but every day of the year. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with Family and Friends.

What's Happening... All Saint's Day 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast (Cinnaminson Diner) 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 11/02 Day Light Saving's All Saints Sunday, Communion-Rev. Dave Stoner 11:15 AM: Sunday School (Church2ndFloor) 11:15 AM: Coffee Hour- "Council" (Gibson Hall) 11/03 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House) 7:00 PM: Worship Meeting (Miller House) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft/2nd Floor) 11/04 Election Day (Get out and Vote!) 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft) 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Troop Comm. Meet (Miller House) 11/06 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM: Pack Comm. Meet (Gibson Hall/Undercroft/2nd Floor) 6:30 PM - Troop Movie Night/Sleep Over (Gibson Hall, Church Yard) 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM Scouting For Food (Gibson Hall/Miller House) 11/08 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 11/09 Communion-Rev. Dave Stoner 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House) 11/10 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft/2nd Floor) 11/11 **Veterans Day** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Martha Circle (Miller House) 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM: Council Meeting (Miller House) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Eve Circle (Miller House) 11/12 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Stewardship Meeting (Miller House) 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House) 11/13 11/14 11/15 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM: Scouting For Food (Miller House/Gibson Hall) 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast (Cinnaminson Diner) 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 11/16 Communion-Rev. Dave Stoner Bethany News Articles are due 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft/2nd Floor) 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft) 11/19 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House) 11/20 10:30 AM: WELCA Exec Board. Meeting (Miller House) 11/21 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft) **11/22** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 11/23 Communion-Rev. Dave Stoner 11/24 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft/2nd Floor) 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir/Organ Practice (Sanctuary) 11/25 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft) 11/26 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House) 11/27 Thanksgiving/Office Closed

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3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary)

1st Sunday of Advent, Communion-Rev. Michael Gebhart



November Liturgical Volunteers:

Altar Guild: Joan Stein & Stephanie Staudenmayer

Counters: Mimi Confer & Bill Isard

November 2

Communion Assistant: Charleen Burik

Greeter: Caron Dalesio Head Usher: Mike Wilson

Reader: Sue Bohus

November 9

Communion Assistant: Peggy Schock Greeter: Susan and Iain Docherty

Greeter: Susan and Iain Doche Head Usher: Steve Groeber

Reader: Martha Rimathe

November 16

Communion Assistant: Joan Kelly Greeter: Lisa and Mark Eckhardt

Head Usher: Bill Isard Reader: Rick Dreby

November 23

Communion Assistant: Sue Bohus

Greeter: Judy Evans

Head Usher: Rick Dreby Reader: Lois Gerkens

November 30

Communion Assistant: Marie Carlin

Greeter: Carol Fackler Head Usher: Dan Schoen

Reader: Kim Salton Page



BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

Help Us Provide the Makings for

Thanksgiving

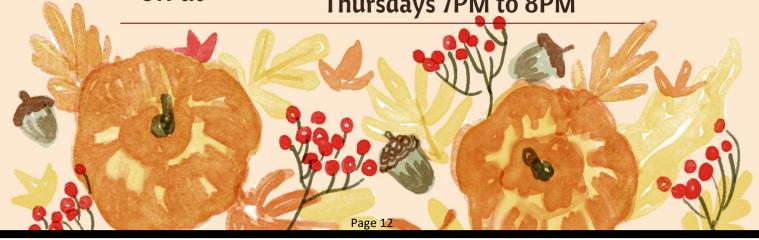
for our Pantry Clients.

Please donate the following items no later than November 7th

STUFFING INSTANT POTATOES
CANNED YAMS, FRUIT, CORN
CANNED GREEN BEANS, GRAVY
CRANBERRY SAUCE CORNBREAD MIX

Donations can be dropped off at

Bread of Life Food Pantry 501 Morgan Ave. Palmyra, NJ Wednesdays 1 PM to 3 PM Thursdays 7PM to 8PM



In The Mail....



Rev. Rachel Callender, Pastor

September 2025

Dear Neighbor in Christ,

I want to take a moment to personally thank you and your church community for your continued help and support for the Bread of Life Food Pantry! Because of service partners like you, we have been able to sustain our important outreach to meet this growing need in Palmyra and its neighboring New Jersey towns. Food insecurity not only affects whether there is food on someone's plate, but their health, education, and ability to work, to just name a few. We hope that by helping to meet this need in our area, we can be a beacon of hope for those struggling.

According to a 2022 report on NJ.gov, more than 36,000 people in Burlington County are struggling with food insecurity and more than 10% of the entire state population of New Jersey struggles with food insecurity also. Because of community partners like you, the Bread of Life Food Pantry has been able to serve approximately 500 people with the help of about 30 volunteers over the past year alone.

In order to properly serve our communities, it is imperative that we work together. And so, I pray for God's blessing on your church community and give thanks for this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ for a population in need together.

Grace and Peace,

The Rev. Rachel Callender