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May 3, 2015

Dear Bethany:

You may have heard recently that PCUSA passed legislation related to marriage; and several of you have asked what the decision was and how it impacts Bethany. We are attaching at the end of this newsletter, a communique from PCUSA General Assembly Moderator and Vice Moderator regarding the legislation. Along with that letter, there is a summary of the new Book of Order language and a page of questions and answers regarding the changes' impact on PCUSA congregations. We are providing these documents to you as informational.

More importantly, we want you to know that this legislation has no major impact on the Biblical teachings at Bethany.

In accordance with Bethany's Statement of Faith, your Session, supports the belief that marriage is between one man and one woman. Therefore, all marriages performed in Bethany Church will reflect that belief.

We hope this correspondence answers your questions and concerns.

Blessings in Christ,
Bethany's Session

Lori, Tom, Dan, Tami, Gayle, Jay, LaVerne, Marlys and Jerry

MISSION OF THE MONTH – May

Bethany Youth Group – Mission Trip

May's Mission of the Month is once again the Bethany Youth Group. As our youth continue their planning for this summer's Mission Trip, Bethany's goal is to again assist them financially.

This year's BYG Mission Trip will be to help those in need in the New Orleans area as they continue to rebuild ten years after the devastation from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The youth from BYG are also selling flowers from Gensner Gardens for delivery on Mother's Day. The last day to order is this week, Sunday, May 3. They may be picked up at Bethany on May 11 at 6pm. Mark your calendar.

A "contemporary thing"

Although "A contemporary thing" will be taking a break on May 17th, Bethany is pleased to announce that "Fire @ 4th and State" will be providing a return engagement on June 14th at 5pm here at Bethany.

If you will recall, "Fire" is a praise and worship band from Pekin, IL. These friends of the Bethany Youth Group met during a previous Mission Trip. When they heard that Bethany was having a contemporary service, they volunteered to host the event in August, 2014.

Bethany is very excited to share our love for the Lord with them during this return performance!



Although Ginny Falnes is still struggling with her health, she would like to express her thankfulness to her Bethany Family for your concern, your cards and prayers for her complete recovery. She is home now, but not accepting visitors at this time. Cards are greatly appreciated. Thank you from Ginny!

We continue to pray for Bruce Wyatt as he receives treatment for cancer. He appreciates your prayers for strength and recovery!

Marilyn Buske sends her appreciation for all the cards, calls and concerns expressed during her treatment for leukemia. She is doing well and gaining strength daily. God is so good!

PAPER ANGEL CLOSET

Paper Angel Closet served four families in April with necessity items and prayer. Items most needed are bleach, household cleaning items, dish soap, dryer sheets, shampoo, band aids, paper towels, maxi-pads, tampons and your prayers for those less fortunate. God bless your continued support and donations.

Thank you Deacons for performing this necessary reach-out ministry at Bethany Church.



KIDS KORNER

Fanny Crosby was born into a Christian family on 3/24/1820. Fanny was born with normal vision, but when she was six weeks old, she caught a cold which caused her eyes to inflame. The doctor prescribed hot poultices for her eyes. This proved disastrous. Because of this, in time she became totally blind.

She began composing poems when she was growing up and a lot of them were set to music. Actually, she wrote about 8,000 poems in her lifetime! Her favorite subject was about Heaven.

A well-meaning, but tactless minister once said that it was a pity that Fanny had so many gifts and yet did not have the gift of sight. Fanny quickly replied that if she could have been granted one wish at birth it would have been that she could go through life blind. The minister was astonished and asked her why she would ever ask that! Fanny replied: "Because when I get to Heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

Later, remembering that incident, she sat down and wrote:

When my lifework is ended, and I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright and glorious morning I shall see,
I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side, And
His smile will be the first to welcome me.

I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
And redeemed by His side I shall stand!
I shall know Him, I shall know Him
By the print of the nails in His hand.

If you were to take fifteen hymnals and stack them one on top of another, taken all together, that's about the number of hymns Fanny wrote in her lifetime! Of course, many of those have been forgotten today, but a large number remain favorites of Christians all over the world. In her lifetime, Fanny was one of the best known women in the US and a strong Christian whose legacy of faithfulness to God is exhibited by the hymns that will be sung for all eternity!

Granny Church Mouse sez:

I've learned that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger, in its little fist, that you are hooked for life.



MOTHER'S DAY

The second Sunday of this month is "Mothers' Day" and I'm sure that you are doing something special for your mother, and/or grandmother or whomever is raising you.

God also created some marvelous mothers when He created the animals. A mother kangaroo carries her young one (called a joey) in a pouch on her stomach until it is strong enough to be out and about on its own.

A mother eagle takes care of her baby (called an eaglet) until it is old enough to learn how to fly and then when they are learning to fly, the mother eagle swoops below it to catch it if it should fall.

A mother king crab has a pouch on its horny stomach flap. She carries her eggs for about eleven months in this flap. When it is time for her eggs to hatch, the mother king crab goes to shallow water and raises herself on her long legs and then drops open the flap on her pouch and shakes out her hatching eggs. They then float away on their own.

Perhaps some of you are living with someone other than your mother. It is the same in the animal world. When a baby dolphin is born, the other female dolphins will rally around, the mother and help the baby.

When a baby elephant is born, the other female elephants will help the mother. If the mother gets sick, the other female elephants help her and help the baby. A herd of elephants never walk faster than the sickest elephant can walk.

The developing bee larvae babies have a welcome friend. The second chore that a worker bee learns is to feed the developing larvae babies.

Here is the most interesting mother in plant life. Yes, I said, "plant life!" It is the shooter plant. It has a special leaf that covers each seed cluster. This leaf has a brown hue. When the weather is cool, it has a darker hue of brown so that it absorbs the sun's rays, much like solar heat. This keeps the seed cluster warm. When the weather is warm, the leaf has a lighter hue of brown, so that it reflects the sun's rays and it doesn't let too much heat get on the seed cluster.

Isn't God's creation - Wonderful !?!?!

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	2
3 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship Celebration and Communion Service 11:30am: Fellowship	4	5 Session Reports Due 7pm: PNC 7pm: Uriel Circle 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	6 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 5:30pm: Daisy Troop #3127 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	7 7pm: Al-Anon	8 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	9
10 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship	11 6pm Mission & Outreach 7pm: Session 6pm – Pick up your BYG Flower Orders at Bethany	12 7pm: PNC 7pm Uriel Circle 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	13 Weekly Bulletin deadline 12:30pm: Hannah Circle 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	14 9am: BYKOTA Circle 6pm: Parents Prayer Group 7pm: Al-Anon	15 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	16 3:00 p.m. Badowski's Class Piano Recital at the Bethany Sanctuary
17 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship 5:00 – No Contemporary Service today.	18 Beacon articles due 5:45pm: Paper Angel Closet	19 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	20 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 5:30pm: Daisy Troop #3127 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	21 7pm: Al-Anon	22 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	23 Young at Heart Parade
24/31 9am: Sunday School for all ages 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship	25 7pm: Christian Education	26 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	27 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	28 7pm: Al-Anon	29 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	30

It's a "contemporary thing" on Sunday, June 14th, 5pm @ Bethany featuring Fire @ 4th and State

Mother's Day Celebration on May 10 -- Join your Mother for Pastor Joe's Inspiring Sermon!

Don't forget to Donate to Paper Angel Closet