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JUNE NEWSLETTER 2022

**“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens” – Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I find myself in a liminal time. A liminal time is an in-between time, a time between what was and what will be. It is also described as a time that is on the verge of something new.

I write this newsletter with one good eye, and one not-so-good eye. For over twenty years, I have needed glasses to see clearly. Without them, it was not possible to read or see things at a distance. I had cataract surgery two weeks ago on my left eye. I can see pretty clearly through it. My other eye, however, is yet to be completed in a few days. I am between the time of not seeing clearly and the time of being able to see clearly without glasses. I believe that our PLUM congregations are also in a liminal time.

We are in the time between the onset of a pandemic and the end of the pandemic. We are in the time between one pastor's retirement and another pastor's beginning of a call to PLUM. We are in the time between doing church as we have always done it and the way that church might look in the future.

Liminal time is a time of waiting, and it feels like we are always waiting for something: waiting for a new baby, waiting for a test result, waiting to hear about a new job opportunity, waiting for your wedding or graduation day, waiting for your vacation. Waiting can be hard. Waiting can also be an opportunity to pause; to reflect on where we have been and what we have learned; and to dream about what may be possible. We, the members of PLUM are in a time of waiting. We are waiting for a new thing to emerge, and while we wait, we reflect and we dream.

PLUM has many things to be excited about this summer. We welcome Pastor Alexander Sumo to our pastoral team. There will be opportunities for each congregation to host Pastor Alexander for a coffee hour in order to get to know him better and for him to meet you. His installation is scheduled for July 30th. Details about the Installation Service will be forthcoming. The pastors are hosting three Potluck Picnics; June 23rd, July 28th and August 25th. The locations and details of these gatherings will be posted on the PLUM website and will be sent to each congregation. Our synod assembly is scheduled for June 16,17 and 18.

Many of you will be taking some well- earned vacations. Our prayer is that you have safe travel, that you enjoy your time with family and friends, and that you experience rest and relaxation.

Recently in our congregations, we asked the question; “What is your dream for your congregation and for PLUM?” What is your dream? What are you hoping for? As we wait for the Lord to reveal our new thing, let us share the prayer of the psalmist:

“Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”

Psalm 33:20-22, ESV

Pastor Sue



BETHANY NEWS

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Do you receive emails from our Church Office (bethany-dormont@verizon.net)? If not, it’s because we do not have your accurate email address. Please send your email address to the Office so that we can stay connected. When there is time-sensitive news, it’s especially important to be able to reach our church family quickly, and email can be a valuable tool. Thank you for your assistance.



BETHANY COUNCIL MEETING

Bethany’s next Church Council Meeting will be on **Monday, June 20th at 7:00pm**. We will be using the ZOOM format. All Council members are asked to attend. Thank you.



SUMMER WORSHIP

Our Sunday worship service will move to the Social Hall on Sunday, June 12th. By then, we are sure to be ready for a cooler experience. We will return to the Sanctuary in September.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/3: PASTOR MELBA DIBBLE
6/4: BERTHA BURTOFF
6/7: DEBORAH ENGLERT
6/14: JAMES OHLIGER
6/18: ZOEY HUTCHISON
6/26: PASTOR DONA VAN ECK

6/4: SANDY BAKER
6/5: CHARLENE GORS
6/7: HOPE KLOTZ
6/15: ALAN SINNING
6/19: LINDA HOLTZWARTH
6/29: RAY HESS



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/5/04: MATT & DEBBIE BAKER

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!





LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

OUR MILITARY: Matt, Josh, Jimmy, Mike, Pat, Chad, Liz, Shawn, Bethany, Girard, Kelly, Robert, Ben, Scott, Tony, Megan, Michael, Brent and Joseph.

THOSE THAT PROTECT & SERVE: Craig and Jaco, Sean, Michael, Tom and John

OUR SHUT INS: Roberta, Mary, Carol, Jan, Jean and Frank.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Roberta, Lou, Tom, Carol, Ann, Colleen, Alan, Rose, Ryan, Mary, Bud, Joanne, Patty, David, Fred, Liz, Herb, Vince, Linda, Jim, Ed, Bill, Eric, Paul, Naziario, Ardith, Debbie, Gerri, Jessica, Harvey, Ashley, Beth, Charlie & Kelsey.

THE CHURCHES OF PLUM

ABIDING MINISTRIES



A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Liz and the Bethany Lutheran Church Members,

The residents are so appreciative of your hard work. The shawls **perfect**, the patchwork and crocheted lap robes **are a work of art!** The huge supply will keep the residents warm for a while. The flower table favors with the added butterfly add a brightness to the tables already. Thank you for conforming to the CDC regarding the candy restrictions, we will use the candy for the activities. You remain in my prayers for continued health. Liz and Dave, thanks for delivering all the time!

God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Rita
John J. Kane Regional Center - Scott



BROTHERHOOD

The **Brotherhood Dinner** will be held on **Friday, June 3rd**, at **6:30pm** here at **Bethany**. Join us for good food and fellowship



KANE GROUP

The Kane Group will meet on **Monday, June 20, 2022 at around 10am**. All are welcome to join us as we make items to share with the residents at Kane Hospital and enjoy our lunch and each other.



PLUM NEWS

PLUM WORSHIP AND MEETINGS VIA ZOOM: As we continue with the Covid-19 restrictions, we can still all gather for Worship, meetings, bible studies and fellowship by connecting on the ZOOM format. Just use the information below and you can be a part of all we are currently doing.

Zoom online: <https://zoom.us/j/401596541>

Zoom by phone: **(646) 876-9923**

Meeting ID: 401 596 541



PLUM WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The PLUM Worship Committee will meet on **Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7pm** via ZOOM. We will then take a break until September. Join us as we discuss and plan our ZOOM worship services.



AT HOME TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: During this time of the Coronavirus and Social Distancing, prayer is a source of comfort. Please join us in Taizé Prayer from the safety of your homes on **Friday, June 3, 2022, 7:00 pm via ZOOM.** TAIZÉ worship will then take a break for the summer and return in September.



SOUTHWESTERN PA SYNOD ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, JUNE 16 - SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022: The Southwestern PA Synod Assembly will be held this year from Thursday, June 16 through Saturday, June 18, 2022. This will be an online assembly. Please pray for our participants as they do the business of the Synod.



PLUM BOARD MEETING: The monthly PLUM Board meeting will be held on **Monday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

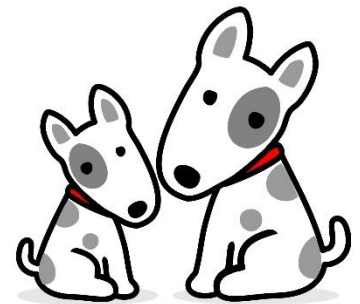


THURSDAY, JUNE 2: WHAT'S NEXT? PLANNING MEETING: Join you fellow PLUM members on **Thursday, June 2nd** to discuss the future of PLUM (growing our church, better serving God and neighbor, connecting with community). The meeting is at **7pm via ZOOM.**

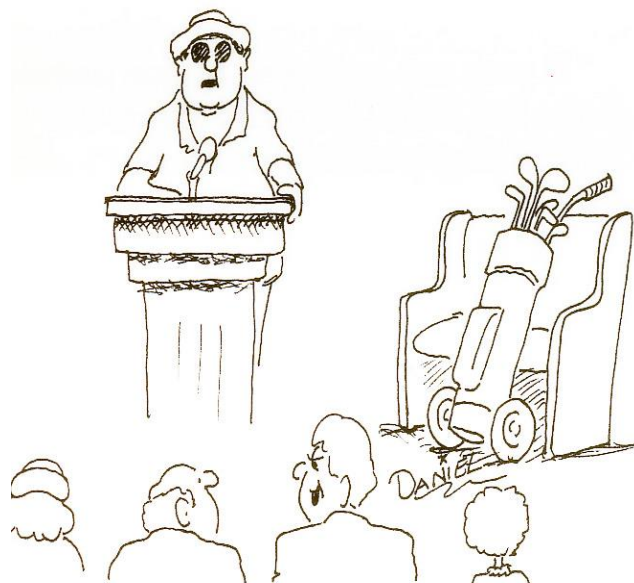


*Happy Father's Day to all Dads
and to all the men who have been
a fatherly influence in our lives!*

6/19/2022



i ♥ Dad



"Do you get the feeling that we're going to get out early today?"

Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 WHAT'S NEXT MEETING 7PM ZOOM	3 BROTHERHOOD 6:30PM TAIZE SERVICE 7PM ZOOM	4
5  WORSHIP 9:15 ZOOM 3PM	6 	7	8 WORSHIP MEETING 7PM ZOOM	9 	10	11 
12  WORSHIP MOVES TO SOCIAL HALL 9:15 ZOOM 3PM	13 	14  FLAG DAY	15 	16	17	18
19 WORSHIP 9:15 <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> JUNETEENTH	20 KANE GROUP 10AM  BELC COUNCIL 7PM ZOOM	21  SUMMER BEGINS	22 	23 PLUM POT LUCK AT DORMONT PARK 5:30PM	24 	25 
26  WORSHIP 9:15 ZOOM 3PM	27 PLUM BOARD MEETING 7PM ZOOM	28	29 	30		

