



# BETHANY ARCHIVES - 2016

**DIVERSE PEOPLE UNITED BY GOD'S LOVE IN EVERYDAY LIFE**  
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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Jan 8



Through His baptism, we are saved. God gives us grace and washes our sins away with our baptism - it's the beginning of our faith journey. In the water of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the Baptism of His death, He set us free from bondage to sin and death. By His glorious resurrection, He saved us and opened the way to eternal life.

## BPC REACHES 35,000 VIEWS – FEB 1



How's our site doing? Great! For the 3rd year in a row - the About Bethany page is the viewer favorite. And new to the site this year is the Bethany Archives - ready to help you look back in our history and now easily accessible from most pages. Last year, 147 'Bethany Happenings' were featured on our website - that's 37% more than last year! During 2015, we had: 23,281 visits (9% increase since last year, up by 1881 visits) and 34,911 page views (3% increase since last year, up by 1046). To share your news, please plan ahead and: 1. For web site: Send an email to andrienne7@gmail.com - include the name of your contact person and brief details 2. For facebook: If you're already a friend of Bethany, you can post your comments and pictures, then send the public link (URL) for your photo album and details about your event.

## HIHI 2016 – HUNTINGTON INTERFAITH HOMELESS INITIATIVE



No one should have to sleep outside, especially on the night of February 5 as snow fell and temperatures plummeted. Bethany members - for the 12th straight year in a row - did their part to help those most in need. Bethany's committed to helping her homeless through HIHI – Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative. Volunteers welcomed guests with a warm dinner, dessert, an entertaining movie, and a warm place to sleep. Sponsored by the Family Service League, HIHI is one of several programs available for Housing and Homeless Services. Bethany Presbyterian Church is one of the more than 20 houses of worship that participate in HIHI, providing respite for the homeless during the winter months. Did you know? In 2011, the Times of Huntington honored volunteers as 'People of the Year in Religion'! Read about our rich history

with the HIHI initiative in our Archives. For more information about HIHI events, contact Ed Wong or Lancel Powell. Consider contributing to, or helping our homeless at, future HIHI events or get involved in some of our other ways to help those in need: MICAH meals, the food Pantry and our 'Grow to Give' [Garden](#).

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## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Feb 7**



The mission of Bethany Presbyterian Church is to nurture the spiritual development of all members, enabling us to better worship God, love ourselves and serve our neighbors as Jesus Christ taught us by word and example. Bethany Presbyterian Church in Huntington Station was established in 1927. The first presbytery in America was organized in 1706 and the earliest Christian church was established in the first century.

## **SEASON OF LENT – Feb 10-Mar 27**



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10. We invite you to let us help you as you take your Lenten journey and walk the next 40 days with God. Learn more about Lent and what it means to Presbyterians. Contact us via phone, email, or drop by the church. We'd love to see you at service on Sundays at 10 am.

## **GAME NIGHT IS FEBRUARY 27 – Feb 27**



Come join us for Game Night and get ready for fun. Bring a game to enjoy with friends - we'll provide the refreshments! Open to all, so bring a friend. See Linda Husar with any questions.

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## HOLY WEEK DRAMAS – Mar 20-27



Palm Sunday | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Easter Sunday

Join us to relive the Passion of Christ's final days to His glorious resurrection! Experience Holy Week as never before as we bring scripture to life through the interactive drama, music, and live performances.

## D365.org – May 5



Visit d365.org. Post... tweet... text... Lots of ways to stay in touch with friends. What about staying in touch with God? He doesn't have a facebook page. Try d365.org - it's quicker than reading all those Facebook posts! Let d365 create a quiet space in your life for meditation and prayer. **Pause | Listen | Think | Pray | God.** d365.org provides inspirational and relevant reflections on scripture for young people. The devotional experience is written especially for students, focusing on themes that impact their faith journey. It's filled with quick, powerful messages... just right for youth (or anyone) longing to have that special relationship with Christ. Messages are written by ministers, professors, students, teachers, and missionaries. Donations made on the site enable more youth to read Scripture, reflect on readings, and pray in the ways they choose..

## DONATE A PINT & SAVE THREE LIVES – Apr 30



Blood donations are desperately needed. Print a flier - bring a friend. **Where** - Bethany Presbyterian, 425 Maplewood Road, Huntington, NY. 11746. **Eligibility Criteria** - Photo or signature ID required; Weight: Minimum 110 pounds; Age: 16-75 years old. Parental permission required if 16 years old; Doctor's note required if 76 years and older. No tattoos for past 12 months. **Volunteers Needed** - Hand out fliers, set up donation area, provide baked goods, escort to & from donation area, registration desk, clean up after event. **Questions?** - Medical eligibility: (800) 688-0900 or visit [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org). For more event information, call the Church office (631) 423-6359 or event managers: Suzanne Idise and Ex Wong, or just walk in!

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## **RECOGNITION + FOOD = FUN – Jun 7**



Raise up a child in the way they shall grow - in and with God's love. That's what we do here at Bethany and that's what we celebrate every year at our Annual Sunday School Recognition and Picnic! With the love of God and their Bethany family, our youth stay with God and blossom into more than what we could have ever imagined. Once again, we had a great celebration recognizing the success of our Sunday School students and teachers. Students, thank you for coming to Sunday School to learn about Jesus. Teachers, thank you for helping to build a strong foundation in our children. Parents, thank you for devotedly bringing your children to church.

## **A SMALL CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM – Jul 10**



Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14) At Bethany, we listen to the voice of our youth and include them each week during worship service. They take an active role in the brief Children's Sermon, sharing their unique perspective on the day's Lessons. We learn from them almost as much as they learn from us.

## **MICAH MEAL – Dec 17**



Food. Fellowship. Fun. Join us for lunch at noon and enjoy the warm hospitality that is Bethany Presbyterian Church. Get to know neighbors in your community. This lunchtime meal is free, all are welcome and sometimes we even have a live piano concert! What are MICAH Meals all about? MICAH means Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger - it's another way for YOU and Bethany to share God's love and help fight hunger in our community. Learn more and get involved in some of our other ways to help those in need: HIHI (Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative), our food Pantry and our 'Grow to Give' Garden.