



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Worship Sundays 10am Give Gift\$

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BETHANY ARCHIVES - 2013

[Nov 2012 – Jan 2013 "The Open Door"](#)

Jan 19 – Hurricane Sandy

Jan 27 – Annual Congregational Meeting

Feb 1 – Souper Bowl

Feb 2 – Family Game Night

Feb 3 – Logo Contest

Feb 22 – 9th Year HIHI

Feb 27 – New Leadership

[Feb – Mar 2013 "The Open Door"](#)

Mar 24 – Easter Dramas begin

[Apr – May 2013 "The Open Door"](#)

Sep 28 – Presbytery Retreat

[Sep – Oct 2013 "The Open Door"](#)

Dec 1 – Youth in Dramas

Dec 8 – 9th Annual Living Nativity Drama - "Home for Christmas – A Soldier's Tale"

YOUTH PITCH IN FOR HURRICANE SANDY CLEAN-UP - January 19, 2013



God knows what you help you need and the right time to send it to you. After learning that a Bethany member still had trees (felled by Hurricane Sandy) blocking their entire yard and back door, Pastor Rea asked for a few volunteers. God knew what was needed! He and the lucky homeowners received more help than they could have imagined. That's because God knew exactly what was needed and sent help on the weekend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday - a weekend dedicated to serving others.

2013 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - January 27, 2013



The Annual Congregational Meeting of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Huntington Station, New York, was held on January 27, 2013, immediately following worship. There was a healthy Q&A discussion. See the names of staff, all officers and learn more on the ABOUT BETHANY page.

FEBRUARY "SOUPER" BOWL IS BETHANY'S GAME - February 1, 2013



During February "Souper" Bowl, Bethany collected soup cans (and diapers) to help the Huntington community. Yaphank church - the reigning champ for 2 years with 800 points! - was the team to beat. 1 point = 1 soup can (or 5 diapers). Click here to learn more about Souper Bowl of Caring and see how much has been collected.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT WAS FUN, FUN, FUN - February 2, 2013



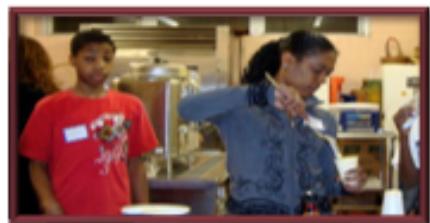
Games... friends... fun! That's what Bethany's "Game Night" was all about. Bethany provided the popcorn and drinks; guests provided the games and fun. Contact Nurture Committee members with questions about future Game Nights.

T-SHIRT LOGO COMPETITION WRAPS- UP - February 3, 2013



Through February 3, we received your ideas for Bethany's "Eco-Green" T-shirt competition. Thank you for showing your love and creativity!

BETHANY'S ENDS 9TH YEAR HELPING HOMELESS - February 22, 2013



Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." For 9 years, that's what Bethany has been doing as a participating church in the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI). On designated nights, Bethany provides dinner & dessert, a movie, overnight supervision, breakfast and lunch. Contact Lancel Powell or Ed Wong to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

BETHANY'S NEW LEADERSHIP - February 27, 2013



Bethany was blessed to recognize new leadership - officers who have agreed to serve for the next three years. We celebrate Ordination (members taking a position for the first time) and Installation (for returning officers). We pray for God's blessing and guidance for all ordained and installed on this day: Janet Allen-Spencer, Victor Archer, Marilynne Geiffert, Arlene Harris, Alphonzo Jackson, Matthew Roche, Chris Sellers and Alden Sprague. See "2013 New Church Leaders" in BETHANY PHOTOS.

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HAPPY EASTER! HE LIVES - March 24-31, 2013



During Holy Week, we experienced the joyous "Passion" of the last week of Jesus life. We retraced His last days, while preparing for the Easter miracle. PALM SUNDAY- The parade-like atmosphere. MAUNDY THURSDAY- March 28 - 8 pm - The 'Last Supper' at Christ's table. GOOD FRIDAY- March 29 - 8 pm -The Tenebrae service and Crucifixion. EASTER SUNDAY- March 31 -10 am - The re-enactment of Christ's glorious Resurrection. Liturgical dramas are also performed for the Christmas Nativity and admission is always free. Dramas are held inside the church at 425 Maplewood Road, Huntington Station. Refreshments are served after the show. See "2013 Holy Week Dramas" in BETHANY PHOTOS.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! - June 23, 2013



Congratulations, graduates! We're so proud of your recent accomplishments. You're maturing, persevering and accomplishing great success. We pray for God's continued blessings for you all. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES... Julienne Dennis - graduating from Half Hollow, West Temple Rea - off to Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Robert Whitehorn, III - off to University at Buffalo, State University of New York. COLLEGE GRADUATES... Jonathan Harris Diah - Masters degree Public Health - Columbia University, NY Nivischi Northover - Long Island University, Brookville, NY.

SPIRITS RENEWED AT PRESBYTERY RETREAT - September 28, 2013



Now is the time to be aware of the presence of the Living Lord in our midst and be open to the voice and leading of the Spirit... Click here to see the short video and learn what it was about. At the Visioning retreat, members shared open ears and open hearts to hear God's voice in the moments of silence and in the voices of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE - December 2013



Advent means coming or arrival and in the season of Advent, we watch and wait for the arrival of Jesus. Bethany youth get active while they're waiting - Bethany youth tell the story. Each year, Bethany youth participate in our annual Living Nativity Drama. They share their talents and make this beloved Bethany tradition a special event for members and the Huntington community.

NINTH ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY DRAMA - December 8, 2013 - 5 pm



To date, more than 700 people have come to experience the joy, the delight and the uplifting Christmas spirit that is Bethany's Annual Living Nativity Drama. This year was no exception and the captivating performance added a riveting new twist to our traditional Christmas story of the night Jesus was born. **"Home For Christmas - A Soldier's Tale"** was a moving and powerful story that honored all who have served or are serving our country. HOME FOR CHRISTMAS... that's exactly where "Sarge, Doc and the Private" are planning to be when unexpected events occur that threaten their plans and test their faith...

DVD & PHOTOS AVAILABLE For the first time, the 'Living Nativity' is available on DVD for \$15. (Cost covers production only, this is not a fund raiser). Make checks payable to: Bethany Presbyterian Church and include: Nativity DVD in the memo section. In our Photo Gallery, see pictures of our performance prep and the drama. HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES - 121 CARDS COLLECTED! For the first time, our "free" admission benefited 121 local military and family members. We joined forces with the American Red Cross to give something that means something. Through their "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program, cards and personal messages addressed to Dear Hero, Soldier, Service Member or Veteran, were collected from Bethany members and guests who attended. Then, the cards were distributed to provide a welcome "touch of home" for troops during the holiday season. See "Home For Christmas" in BETHANY PHOTOS.