



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

**DIVERSE PEOPLE UNITED BY GOD'S LOVE IN EVERYDAY LIFE**  
**Worship Sundays 10am Give Gift\$**

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## BETHANY ARCHIVES - 2014

Jan 4 - "Go Green" Continues

Jan 25 - Presbytery Moderator 2014

Jan 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting

January - Music Director Search begins

January - Blood Pressure Check-up

January - Stock the Pantries

Feb 1 - Website Launch

Apr 6 - Easter Lilies

Apr 19 - Holy Week Dramas

Jun 1 - Recognition Sunday

Oct 2 - Climate Walk

Oct 18 - Deacons' Fair

Nov 15 - MICAH Meal

Dec 6 - Craft Sale

### YOUTH CONTINUE BETHANY'S "GREEN" STREAK



Bethany's youth are determined to help our church become certified as an Earth Care Congregation and rack up points for various activities. They're doing it by continuing the 'Green' efforts they started April of 2012.

Bethany's youth are leading the way to support the PC USA's program and help our congregation explore ways to bring caring for earth... down to earth. Their visually stimulating presentation encourages YOU to think about what YOU can do to make Bethany a greener place.

- G - It's GOOD to care for the earth! That's what God asked Adam and Eve to do. Today, that means watching out for what we do daily and try to ensure it does not have a negative impact.
- R - RECYCLING helps. Americans are consumers. We throw away a lot of stuff. We need to dispose of things in safer ways, in right ways. Otherwise potentially dangerous chemicals can go into our landfills.
- E - It's EASY to get involved. Bring your batteries to church on Sundays - cell phone, rechargeable and car batteries. We'll collect and safely dispose them. Huntington Recycling Center has a special place where they can be disposed - and we'll take them there.
- E - Have EXTRA EYEGLASSES? Bring them to church on Sundays... you know, the kind you get from your local drug store. They can be recycled if they go to a waste recycling place.
- N - NO ONE can ignore this! It's important to go green! The recycling box will be in the church lounge during the week and in the back of the sanctuary on Sundays.

### PASTOR REA APPOINTED MODERATOR FOR 2014



For over 18 years, Bethany's congregation has been blessed by Pastor Rea's on-going ministry. This year brings an added appreciation and excitement, as he begins a leadership role as Moderator of the Presbytery of Long Island. On January 25, Pastor Rea assumed the mantle of Moderator for 2014 of the Long Island Presbytery and will serve as leader of the 60 Presbyterian churches on Long Island. Bethany was packed - standing room only! [In our Photo Gallery, see pictures](#) of this event as Pastor Rea accepts his new role with joy, respect and humility.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Calling All Members: Please attend our Annual Congregation Meeting for 2014. Our meeting began with a brief opening devotional to remember beloved members lost this year. Then we heard from Committees and Groups, and voted on the Pastor's call. Be sure to pick up a booklet of committee reports.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH BEGINS



Bethany is actively reviewing resumes for our music/choir director position... Take note, we're asking for your patience while we review resumes and will announce a decision as soon as possible.

Thank you to all candidates who sent their resume via email to Pastor James Rea or our Career Builder job posting. Our faith in God will play a key role in our final decision. The Bethany Music Director will be a dynamic church musician for our diverse and musical congregation. Keyboard skills and organ/piano experience are required; choral directing experience is desired; church music experience is preferred.

- This is a part time position. For the right candidate, we are willing to work with musicians lacking church experience and/or students. Church affiliation not required. The congregation enjoys singing contemporary Christian music, gospel, jazz, blues as well as traditional hymns. Additionally, there are young people who play instruments that could be cultivated into enhanced participation in our worship service.
- There is one Sunday service (and rehearsal) per week requiring prelude, postlude, hymns, responses, an anthem and offertory. There is an established chancel choir that sings twice/month and a hand bell choir. Throughout the worship year, we celebrate Christian holidays requiring musical direction. Additional services (e.g. weddings, funerals, or fundraisers) are compensated separately. The interview/audition will consist of an interview with the Search committee, musical sight reading, vocal accompaniment and two performances - one hymn and one solo performance of choice. Salary is commensurate with experience and is paid monthly. There is a probationary period and annual review.
- Questions can be sent to mxg02@msn.com or call Bethany at (631) 423-6359 and we will get back to you. Learn more about Bethany by visiting the rest of our website or visiting us on Facebook @ Bethany Presbyterian Church Huntington.

## CHECK YOUR PRESSURE EVERY MONTH



It's important! Get your blood pressure checked each month - right after church on the 2nd Sunday of each month (usually). Check the [Calendar](#) for the next event and see Marilynne Geiffert for your free screening after morning worship. Know Your Numbers! The higher number -- systolic pressure -- represents when the heart beats. The lower number -- diastolic pressure -- represents when the heart rests between beats.

## PANTRIES NEED YOUR HELP TO STAY STOCKED



Please remember to include Huntington food pantry items while you shop for your Thanksgiving feast! The hunger shortage still exists and continues to grow. With your help, we can make a difference and help reduce hunger on Long Island. Bethany is dedicated to supporting the Huntington Community Food Council. Each month we focus on a particular food item -- but any non-perishable food item is always appreciated! Please leave your donation in the wicker basket in the Narthex.

## BPC CELEBRATES 4-YEAR ANNIVERSARY



### Launch Date – February 1, 2009

It's almost 4 years already since we launched Bethany's website on February 7, 2010... and its popularity continues to grow. Share your news by sending brief details or a short list about your news to [ANDRIENNE7@gmail.com](mailto:ANDRIENNE7@gmail.com). 16,142 VISITS IN 2013 - THAT'S 4014 MORE VISITS SINCE LAST YEAR! And that means it's a great way to announce your news & events, and reach more people!

## EASTER LILIES TO HONOR AND REMEMBER



### April 6 and 13

Lilies ordered on April 6 and 13 decorated the chancel on Easter Sunday. Loved ones were honored and remembered with the spectacular Easter lilies. They beautify the chancel for Easter Sunday and then beautify homes when they are taken home after service. Barbara Duncan and Doris Nelson received orders; the recommended donation is usually \$20.

## HOLY WEEK DRAMAS TELL THE GREATEST STORY



The Easter Dramas are over, but His story continues... It's the greatest story ever told and each year we tell it, show it and enable you to experience it! This year, the Dramas started at Lent. They continued through Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Trial, and the heart-wrenching Crucifixion. On Easter Sunday, the dramas closed with the uplifting and glorious Resurrection, Holy Communion and the Flowering of The Cross. Liturgical dramas are also performed for Nativity; admission is always free. Dramas are held inside the church at 425 Maplewood Road, Huntington Station. Refreshments are served after the show. See pictures of previous Dramas in our Photo Gallery.

## RECOGNITION SUNDAY – WE'RE PROUD OF YOU



**June 1, 2014**

Tempestt -- Storm -- Jordan -- Ethan -- Rachelle -- Bethany is proud of you! We recognize your hard work, discipline and accomplishments, and we congratulate you! We wish success for our College graduates: Tempestt Harris-Bucknor and Storm Harris-Bucknor. And we're just thrilled for our High School Graduates: Rechelle Dennis, Ethan Ramcharitar, and Jordan Williams May God Bless you all as you take your next steps in life. We pray that you'll remember God in all that you do.

## THE BEST DEACONS' FAIR EVER



**October 18, 2014**

This year's Deacons' Fair was by far one of the best ever! Blow up floats for kids... face painting... vendors... baked goods... hot lunch... you name it. Bethany had it all! Participants had a great time, and vendors have already asked to come back next year. Most importantly, all proceeds benefit the multiple community and mission outreach events spearheaded by Bethany Deacons throughout the year.

## BETHANY WALKS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE



**October 2, 2014**

Together, they walked to show support for the planet and: Get the attention of UN leaders, experience worship with different cultures and religious group, be part of a larger community in support of a brighter future and help secure a better future for everyone! Bethany put faith-into-action and marched together for climate change! On Sunday October 21, Bethany Presbyterian had two worship services... one at church in Huntington and one at the NYC People's Climate March! Bethany's High schoolers, Sunday School teachers, and Elders mobilized with nearly 400,000 peaceful protesters and walked to bring awareness to climate change. At the faith communities pre-march rally, there were many people of different faith groups and ages uniting together to worship as one. Music was in the air and slogans on signs were all around. Some of the most memorable were:

1. To change everything we need everyone
2. There is no planet "B"
3. Frack off, gas-holes
4. Save the earth--it is the only planet with cookies.
5. System change, not climate change.
6. Climate change is not a question of weather.

Bethany's Walkers realized that they could accomplish much by working together and - although they may have individual concerns - successful actions to address climate change really matters to everyone. As one walker commented: "I used to say: 'someone should do something about that'... then I realized I am someone."

## GUESTS GIVE 'THANKS' AT NOVEMBER MICAH MEAL



At our November MICAH Meal, guests were invited to 'break bread' and share fellowship with our community. Each month, Bethany Presbyterian Church hosts a common meal - provided for free - and all are welcome! Bring your family! Bring your friends! Make a friend! **MICAH** - Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger - meals serve (on average) 55 guests each month - except during the summer months; events are always included on the Bethany calendar. For more information, see Scott Cornell or Arlene Harris. You can help fight hunger! Lend a hand at one of our opportunities to fight hunger. Help stock pantries, help with our garden, help with HIHI, or help with the MICAH Meal (usually the 3rd Saturday of the month).

## WOMEN'S CIRCLE - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE CRAFT SALE



Bethany's Presbyterian Women's Circle work hard all year to bring us special items... just in time for Christmas. Holiday craft fairs are held right after church service. ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRS... are a special way for Bethany's artists and crafters to share their special talents, much like Bethany's talented singers and musicians do throughout the year. Join a Group: Circle at Twelve - Women exchange ideas and create practical gifts for holiday boutiques. Meet Wednesday, 12 noon - 2:00 pm in the Lounge. The Evening Circle - Women focus on continued bible study. Meet Wednesday, 7:30 pm in the Lounge.