



BETHANY ARCHIVES - 2016

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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 temperatures plummeted. Bethany members - for the 12th straight year in a row 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, 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.

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. For more event information, call the Church office (631) 423-6359 or event managers: Suzanne Idise and Ex Wong, or just walk in!

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..

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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.

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.

DEACONS' FALL FAIR WAS A SUCCESS – Oct 16



Vendors. Music. Games. Face Painting. Pumpkins. Café. Baked Goods. Maple Syrup. White Elephant. Unique Treasures. Raffles... and more. It may have been cool outside, but there was warm hospitality inside. By all accounts, the annual fall fair was successful again! We had lots of repeat visitors, new friends and Bethany family come for lunch at the Fall Fair cafe' - - stay for much of the day. Thank you to everyone who participated! We know that it takes a lot of hands, hearts and time to make every Bethany event as successful as they are. If you missed our annual fair this year, stay in touch with us by visiting our web site regularly and becoming a Facebook friend. Contact the church office anytime (631) 423-6359 to learn how you can rent a table next year to sell your wares. All proceeds support Deacon mission and outreach community events throughout the year.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY | YOUR KING IS CALLING – Dec 10



Grace. If we are all children of God, then grace - and redemption - is available to all. God gives us the opportunity to change and the capability to make the change. The question is: are we receptive to the support God provides us to achieve the changes we want or need -- even when the support comes from an unlikely source? For our 12th Annual Living Nativity Drama, we present: "Your King Is Calling" and invite you to be part of, and in the midst of, our exploration of the power of Grace. Our Living Nativity Drama is also Bethany's way of giving a special Christmas gift to family, friends, guests, and our community. Refreshments served and a free will offering is accepted to benefit Bethany's Outreach Missions. Learn more about Christmas, our Holy Week dramas and what it means to Presbyterians. It was in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate is governor of Judaea, and Herod is the ruler of Galilee... Go to top of About Bethany page

CIRCLE AT TWELVE – Dec 10



The Holiday Craft Boutique opened after church and before the Living Nativity Drama. Each year, the Presbyterian Women's Circle at Bethany create special and useful crafts just in time for you to buy them for Christmas presents. You too can join the Presbyterian Women's Group: Circle at Twelve is a time for women to exchange ideas and create practical gifts for holiday boutiques. They meet Wednesdays from 12-2:00 pm in the Lounge. The Evening Circle is a time for women to focus on continued bible study. They meet Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Lounge.

CHRISTMAS MEALS DELIVER HOLIDAY APPEAL – Dec 16



Each year, the need for Deacons' holiday meal delivery grows. On Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving, we find that we are busier than the year before... and thanks to His grace, we always have more than enough food to go around. Drivers are another matter; we always need more. They meet at the church at 9 am; volunteers meet at 8 am. Each 'care package' includes a meal, dessert, and an invitation to our next event. You may be blessed to have somewhere to go and someone to spend holidays with, but everyone doesn't.

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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.