



Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Service of Holy Communion each week



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We have something to Share...

"Come - let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." Revelation 22:17



WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

Recently I met a friend I haven't talked to in quite some time for lunch. She asked me how things were going at our church and I told her that we were looking for a new pastor. To this comment she said, "So, what's your plan?" I shared with her that we would have supply pastors until our Synod could find us a possible pastoral candidate.

Since then, I have pondered her question over and over again, "what's your plan?" and it makes me wonder what my plan really is. I have always believed that God has a plan for each of us and that things happen for a reason. So I got out my Lutheran Study Bible and looked up, "God's Plan." Here is what I found...

In Psalm 33, God's plans stand firm.
 In Isaiah 46, God's plan will be fulfilled.
 In Jeremiah 29, God has a plan for us.

With the new year freshly upon us I want to ask

you, "What's your plan?" Will you pray more? Will you attend church more often? Will you get more involved with church activities?

Matthew tells us in chapter 18 verse 20, "where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there among them." It is important for us as children of God to be involved sharing His love and good news. How will you do this in 2022? What's your plan?



I know there are many ways you are already serving the Lord, but could you do more? Make a plan, and join those that already give so much of their time and talents. Maybe it's by helping at an upcoming fundraiser, joining one of the congregation committees, or simply staying after church to set up for the food bank distribution.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 1:4-12 that "just as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be

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February

Mon	14	7 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sun	27		Food Bank setup
Mon	28	9-11 a.m.	Food Bank distribution

March

Wed	2	7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday
Sat	12	4-???	Pot Pie Dinner
Mon	14	7 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sun	27		Food Bank setup
Mon	28	9-11 a.m.	Food Bank distribution

April

Sat	23		Chicken BBQ & Community Yard Sale
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Everyone is welcome, please join us in our mission of
OUTREACH:

- O** Opportunities for worship, prayer and fellowship
- U** Uniting in ministry, rooted in Word and Sacrament
- T** Teaching God's Word
- R** Reaching out to others, healing and helping
- E** Empowering all to use their gifts
- A** Accepting of everyone
- C** Christ-centered, caring community
- H** Holy Spirit-guided

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Congregational News

What's your plan? continued...

holy and blameless before Him in love, He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will... in Christ we have obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of Him who accomplishes all things according to His council and

will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope in Christ, might live for the praise of His glory."

So I ask you again, "what's your plan?"

Julie Barrick



BSULC ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING NOTES - SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

BSULC's Annual Congregation Meeting was held on Sunday January 16th, immediately following worship services. Julie Barrick, council president, thanked Rae Ann Brougher for her hard work in producing the Annual Congregation Report as well as all of the advertising for various events throughout the year. Copies of the Annual Report and the 2022 bookmark that includes our yearly events were distributed and are available at the church for those who did not receive them. The congregation was encouraged to review the committee reports found in the Annual Report as a lot of great work was accomplished throughout the year.

Lisa Ellerman reported on the Lutheran Research Task Group, which was developed from the feedback gathered at the small group ministry meals last August. The report provides comparisons between several Lutheran denominations and is available if anyone is interested in reviewing it. The report is for information purposes only and does not make any recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan 25 and is open to anyone who may be interested in attending.

Julie updated the congregation on the status of our current pastoral care – Pastor Richard Michael and Pastor Jim Richards are willing to supply for Sundays for the next month or so. Bishop Jim Dunlop and Pastor Beth Martini from the Synod office are working to identify potential interim candidates.

The annual financial review noted that we ended the year

with \$9,000 over expenses, despite incurring \$15,000 expenses to replace the HVAC and address those needs. This excess was mostly due to not having the full costs related to pastoral care for much of the year. The proposed budget was presented and approved. It was noted that we continue to pay on our mortgage but at the current rate, it will be approximately 10 years until it is paid off (which is necessary to be eligible to borrow additional funds to complete the sanctuary). It was suggested that we hold a campaign or challenge to raise funds specific for the current mortgage.

Council member elections were held. Layne Barrick and Mike Zeigler both completed their second 3-year terms and were thanked for their service. Mike Zeigler will remain as Treasurer which is an appointed position. Lauren Zeigler and Rae Ann Brougher both completed their first 3-year term and both were agreeable to accept nominations for a 2nd term. Richard Butts was also agreeable to accept the nomination. All three were unanimously voted onto council.

The congregation was reminded that Council Meetings are held the second Monday each month at 7:00 pm at the church. The meetings are open to everyone and all are welcome to attend.

Everyone was given a Member Trivia sheet and asked to complete 3 facts about themselves that others may not know. This sheet will be used in the future to learn more about each other.

Everyone was also reminded that their offering envelopes and summary of giving statements are available in the vestibule.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR SHUT-INS...

If you have a few extra minutes, send a little message to those who cannot be with us each Sunday. Here are just a few, if you know of anyone else, please give their name and address to Barbara Weary to be placed in the Sunday bulletin.

Bill and Shirley Hemminger
40 Graham Road
Newville Pa 17241

Maynard Brandt
The Oaks at Bethany Village
5225 Wilson Lane Room 40
Mechanicsburg PA 17055

Franz Schauer
8607 Park Road
Orrstown Pa, 17244

Leonard Snyder
149 Steelstown Road
Newville PA 17241



Shippensburg Band Concert 12-5-2021

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Saturday, March 12
4 PM – til' gone

POT PIE by-the-quart
Drive thru only

HAM, CHICKEN, OR BEEF

No pre orders
QUART
\$10.00

Big Spring United Lutheran Church



Shippensburg Band Concert 12-5-2021

2022 Worship, Fellowship, Youth & Family Events

March

Wed 2 Ash Wednesday
Sat 12 Pot Pie Dinner 4-?? p.m.

April

Sat 2 Soup by-the-quart Sale 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Sat 9 BSU Easter Extravaganza 1 p.m.
Sun 10 Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Thur 14 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.
Fri 15 Good Friday
Sat 16 Easter Vigil Service 7 p.m.
Sun 17 Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sat 23 Chicken Bar B-Q
& Community Yard Sale
Sun 24 Holy Humor Sunday 10:30 a.m.

May

Sat 7 Kris Zeigler Turkey Dinner 4-?? p.m.

September

Sat 10 GWOH 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

October

Sat 1 Fall Fest / Soup Sale 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
TBD Trunk or Treat
Sun 30 Reformation Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

November

Sat 12 Pot Pie Dinner 4-?? p.m.
Sun 13 Harvest Home 10:30 a.m.
Wed 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service ICC
Sun 27 1st Sunday of Advent Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed 30 Decorate Church 5 p.m.

December

Sat 3 Christmas Dinner 6 p.m.
Sun 4 Shippensburg Band Concert 2 p.m.
Sun 11 Free Community Spaghetti Dinner
w/Shippensburg Swing Band 6 p.m.
Sat 24 Christmas Eve Service 8 p.m.

Congregational News

February Worship Assistants

Lector & Assisting Minister Robin Tolan
Communion Assistant/Altar Guild Robin Tolan, Pat Belden
Greeter Jerry Clouse
Usher Matt & Teresa Moomaw

March Worship Assistants

Lector & Assisting Minister Jaimi Gutshall
Communion Assistant/Altar Guild Lisa Ellerman
Greeter Robin Tolan
Usher Robin Tolan & Myra Barrick

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Janelle Miller | 16 Greg Ellerman II |
| 2 Branda Schock | 18 Pat McKeehan |
| Sue Swartz | Todd Moul |
| 5 Shani Shenk | 22 Leonard Snyder |
| 7 Marlene Moul | 28 Charlee Schock |
| 8 Tanya Wanish | Anniversaries |
| 9 Emily Washburn | 10 Mark & Karen Mallin |
| 11 Lucas Shenk | 28 Greg II & Kerry Ellerman |

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Rae Ann Brougher | 27 Koltin Gettle |
| 2 Bridget McAlister | 28 Myra Barrick |
| 5 Julie Barrick | 29 Tom Gehman |
| Teri Istle | 31 Maynard Brandt |
| 5 Mark Mallin | Anniversaries |
| 13 Lennon Anderson | 9 Todd & Dennette Moul |
| 15 Hunter Adams | 27 Harry & Peggy Wheeler |
| 23 Durwin Ellerman | 28 Brandon & Teresa Weary |
| Olivia Dechene | Rhonda & Scott Willis |
| 24 Tyriq Laney | 29 Larry & Marlene Moul |
| 26 Erwin Wiser | |

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the
date®



**CHICKEN
BARBEQUE**

and



April 23

CHICKEN BBQ & COMMUNITY YARD SALE

April 23 is set aside for our Chicken BBQ and Community Yard Sale. We will be renting table spaces for anyone in the community to sell their unwanted items. The fellowship committee, along with the help of Peyton and Eddie Weekly, will be having a chicken BBQ sale. There will also be a table set up with baked goods and possibly another table of handmade crafts for sale. This will be a church fundraiser and a way you can get involved. Start thinking about what you may want to get rid of, so you can make some money while cleaning out!! More information to follow.

Big Spring United Lutheran Council

In the next column you will find phone numbers and email for our council members. We hope you will feel free to contact any of them with any suggestions or concerns. **Council meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month. You are welcome to attend any meeting or speak at the beginning of the meeting during the open comment period. Please contact Julie Barrick to make arrangements.**

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Financial Report

Below is a review of the 2021 financials.

- 2021 was a strong financial year for our church. In December alone, we had a surplus of over \$9,000! Seven out of 12 months have been positive financial months. If you take out the large one time HVAC expense, that makes 8 out of 12 months have had positive receipts. For 2021 in total, we are \$9,618.72 above expenses. Our receipts in 2021 came to a grand total of \$174,313.94. Please note though that we are without a pastor and the pastor position is the largest part of our budget. That is part of the reason that receipts outpaced expenses over the summer months. Here are our results by month. Note that October included replacing HVAC units.

○ January	-\$543.73
○ February	\$4,719.91
○ March	-\$1,697.18
○ April	\$218.65
○ May	\$2,574.10
○ June	\$1,182.87
○ July	\$4,245.38
○ August	\$3,640.62
○ September	-\$1,397.75
○ October	-\$11,321.67
○ November	-\$1,170.43
○ December	\$9,167.95
YTD Total	\$9,618.72

- The sexton fund ended the year at \$605. Please consider donating to this to keep the position funded.
- Everyone did an excellent job supporting the church over the summer. June, July, and August are usually tough financial months. However, in 2021 the same three months are collectively almost \$9,000 to the positive. That is excellent! In addition, in October we funded \$14,500 in HVAC replacement costs just out of proceeds from 2021. We did not need to dip into savings for that expense.

INCLEMENT WEATHER!

If there is a need to close church during inclement weather for ANY service, meeting, or practices, we will handle it as follows. Once the decision is made to close the church, it will appear on WHTM 27 as Big Spring U.L.C. and on Fox 43 and Channel 21 as Big Spring United Lutheran. If you do not see a closing on TV and still have a question as to whether there is a closing, you can call a council member. (See previous page of this newsletter for a list of council members and their contact information) **If you are able to assist with snow removal speak with Layne Barrick. Donations of ice melt are always welcome.**

- Offering envelopes have arrived! They will be available at church starting on 1/16. I apologize for the late arrival.
- Please remember that we have online giving options available for use. This is a great under-utilized option to look into if you are out of town traveling often or don't want to worry with an envelope. Please remember that the church's expenses occur weekly regardless of attendance (Pastor, electricity, insurance, etc.). Online giving through Tithe.ly or Paypal is a good way to give on a consistent basis. Links are on bsulc.org to both online giving options.

For a more in-depth look at the finances (both receipts and expenses), please look for the council minutes and financial report to be posted the Sunday following the council meeting each month. The reports will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the pastor's office. See Mike or Mark if you have additional questions.

Don't miss your chance to go to the Holy Land with Pastor Michael and Bonnie March 15-25, 2022

In the "Footsteps of Jesus"



Pastor Michael and Bonnie will be hosting a group to the Holy Land in March of 2022. This trip is only going to Israel and Palestine, and will visit the traditional sites in both the Galilee and the southern portions of Palestine. We will stay in Tiberias and in Bethlehem so the packing and repacking on this trip is minimal. We will share hosting responsibilities with Khader El Yateem, a native of Bethlehem and former pastor of the Metro New York Synod, now on the staff of Bishop Suarez, of the Florida-Bahama synod. The promise this trip holds is of a more immersive pilgrimage as we not only touch the holy sites, but take a look at the world from the Palestinian perspective. Join us! Call Pastor Michael at 717-314-7898, or by email richardmichael@mac.com.

Community News

BIG SPRING SENIOR CENTER

See our website at www.bigspringseniorcenter.weebly.com for more information.

Grab n Go Lunches: A hot and a frozen meal is provided to all those 60 and better. They are distributed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between noon and 12:30 p.m. If you want to come into the Big Spring Senior Center to sit down, you are welcome to join the staff. All meals are a recommended donation of \$2. If you are 60 and better and want to request a meal (you must come to pick up), please call the senior center. Meals must be reserved one business day prior to pick up.

Sit-Down Lunch: Our sit-down lunches are back for those 60 and better and are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Spring Senior Center. Meals must be reserved one business day prior to pick up. All meals are a recommended donation of \$2.

Live Exercise Classes:

Zumba Gold: Every Monday at 9 a.m. at First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Ave., Newville. Cost is \$3 per class for those 60-plus and \$5 per class for those 50-59. Zumba Gold is a low-intensity version of the Latin dance-inspired fitness class aimed at a mature audience. Research at Minot State University in North Dakota has indicated that Zumba not only influences physical fitness, but also on cognitive (mental) function. Just walk in.

T'ai Chi for Arthritis: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. This class is held at First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Ave., Newville. Cost is currently *free* until further notice. To register, call 717-776-4478.

Yoga: Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. This class is held at First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Ave., Newville. Yoga is a mind-body practice that combines stretching exercises, controlled breathing, and relaxation. Cost for a 10-week program is \$55 for members of the Big Spring Senior Center, and \$65 for non-members. Registration and payment are due before you start a class. Start dates will be pro-rated. Call 717-776-4478 to register.

Virtual Exercise Class: Contact the Big Spring Senior Center for more information. Currently we provide virtual classes for T'ai Chi for Arthritis.

More to Do:

Valentine's Breakfast - February 11 at 8:30 a.m.: The Senior Center will be holding a Men's and Women's combined Valentine Breakfast. Come and enjoy a hot homemade breakfast made by staff and volunteers of the Big Spring Senior Center. Cost is \$5. Sign up by noon, Thursday, February 10.

Valentine's Day Potluck Luncheon: Monday, February 14, the Big Spring Senior Center invites all those 50 and better to attend its Valentine's Potluck Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share; place settings and drinks will be provided by the Senior Center. Sign up no later than noon Friday, February 11. Entertainment will be provided.

Watercolor Painting Opportunity: Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Do you have an interest in water coloring? It takes space, inspiration, and motivation, and we can help. Join our friendly group of painters with our instructor, Kathleen Schungel. The cost is \$5 per week to the instructor and \$1 to the Senior Center.

Jewelry Making Class: First Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Kathleen Schungel, professional art instructor (retired), will teach the techniques to create a variety of jewelry pieces. Cost is \$5.

Crafts: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. excluding the first Tuesday. We could use your help, hands, and ideas. Come and make seasonal and everyday crafts, as well as new friends.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday in at 1 p.m. a pastor from the Big Spring community will lead a two-month study. Walk-ins are welcome. This month will be Pastor Donald Snyder of Doubling Gap Church of God.

Game Day: Lots of opportunities to play cards and games can be found at the Big Spring Senior Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Walk-ins are welcome.

PRAYER CHAIN

To place someone on the prayer chain, please call Pat McKeehan (448-9555)

Deadline for submitting articles for the bi-monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month before it is published. Information should be sent to Rae Ann Brougher, editor, at <lrbrougher@centurylink.net>.

Deadline for submitting information for the Sunday bulletin is Wednesday noon. Information should be sent to: Barbara Weary at <wearyb@centurylink.net>.

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