



Bethany E-Blast: March 21, 2018

2018 Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.

Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Youth- Led "Son-Rise" Service April 1, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast, April 1, 8:00 a.m.

Traditional Easter Service, April 1, 9:00 a.m.

Final rehearsal for "Son-Rise" Service

All Bethany youth participating in the "Son-Rise" Easter service are asked to meet this Sunday, March 25, after worship to make final preparations for the service. If you are playing an instrument, please bring it with you to church. If you are not able to attend, contact Kevin Collins at kpcollin@gmail.com.

Bethany Breakfast is Sunday, March 25

Join your Bethany family for delicious food and great fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00am service!

No Children's Sunday School March 25

There will be no children's Sunday School on Sunday, March 25. There will be a group activity on Easter Sunday, April 1st.

No Children's Choir or Confirmation Class Monday, March 26

Due to Spring Break, there will be NO Children's Choir or Confirmation Class next Monday, March 26.

Need a Space on Sunday Morning? Overflow Parking Available

If you should find yourself without a space to park, especially during holiday services when attendance increases, we have obtained permission to use the Rush Castle Orthopaedics parking lot. This lot is located directly across the street from Bethany Fox Valley UMC.

Vacation Bible School Registration is open!

It's time once again to sign up for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" and will take place Monday through Friday, July 16-20, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children from age 3 to entering 5th grade are eligible to attend. Older children may volunteer to help out with the program (which is just as much fun!). Sign up sheets are available on the table outside the church office.

Paving Our Way to Christ



Remember to turn in your pledge card for the Paving Our Way to Christ campaign to resurface and repair our parking lot. Our goal is to raise **\$50,000 over an 18-month period**. Repairs will include patching and surface overlay of the main and fellowship hall parking areas, seamless asphalt alignment with sidewalks, addressing grading to resolve standing water issues and slightly widening the circular drive to reduce incidents of vehicles crossing onto the grass. Pledge cards may be found on the table outside the office

Commitment cards may be dropped into the offering plate during Sunday service. You may also contact the church office at info@bethany.org to make a pledge or make online donations on our website at <http://www.bfvumc.org/on-line-giving/>. If giving online, please indicate your donation is for POWTC or parking lot so we can ensure the funds are appropriately allocated.

If you have suggestions and ideas you'd like for us to consider please email the church office, info@bethany.org or Susanna Brandon, sbrandon60510@gmail.com. We welcome all ideas and will share information in the coming months on how you can participate and support fundraising efforts.

179th Northern Illinois Annual Conference is Coming!

The 179th Northern Illinois Annual Conference will be held June 3-5 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. The theme is "Navigating Uncharted Waters" with a focus on Romans 5:3b-4: "trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope." Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

- **Online registration** opens **April 2** (Easter Monday). The cost is \$80. Prices increase April 28 to \$95. Registration closes May 20. Onsite registration costs \$130. To find the registration link and all AC info visit www.umcnic.org/AC2018.
- **Volunteers needed.** If you are interested in ushering, greeting or volunteering during plenaries and worship services, please email Alka Lyall at pastoralkalyall@gmail.com.

Bethany Fun Facts

Why is Easter on different dates? Pay attention to the children's sermon this week! According to the Bible, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. This soon led to Christians celebrating Easter on different dates.

In 325CE (Common Era; a.k.a. A.D.) the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. From that point forward, the Easter date depended on the ecclesiastical approximation of March 21 for the vernal equinox.

Easter is delayed by 1 week if the full moon is on Sunday, which decreases the chances of it falling on the same day as the Jewish Passover. In the Gregorian calendar, Easter falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25 from 1753 to 2400. In the Julian calendar, used by some eastern or Orthodox churches, Easter also falls on a Sunday from March 22 to April 25, which in the Gregorian calendar are from April 3 to May 10 from 1753 to 2400.

In 2007 Easter fell on the same date (April 8) in both calendars when the Julian date was converted to the Gregorian date. This also happened in other years, such as 2004, 2010 and 2011.





March Birthdays

2	Becka Jones	15	Harold Anson	25	Sarah Young
6	Michael Givens	16	Jane Heidemann Zachary Horn	28	Richard Conlin
8	Colleen McCoy Christian Piceno	19	Jennifer Seyl Jillian Seyl	29	Katie Close
9	Thomas Dennehy Aaron Lewis	21	Jamie Marquardt Kelly Mielcarz Ashleigh Tucek	31	Dale Feiden
11	Nicole Boclair	22	Mary Wolf		
12	Jill Zine	23	Michael Wolf		
13	Walt McGuire				
14	Grace Jantz Linda Degner				

March Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Buchenot - March 15