

## Committee Meetings

- Safety Team  
*April 5 at 6:30 p.m.*
- Property  
*April 5 at 7:00 p.m.*
- Deacons  
*April 6 after church*
- Outreach  
*April 12 at 7:00 p.m.*
- Worship & Memorials  
*April 12 at 7:00 p.m.*
- Finance  
*April 21 at 7:00 p.m.*
- Session  
*April 28 at 7:00 p.m.*

## *New EPC Mission Partner in the Bahamas*

Yes, that is right, we are now supporting a Bahamas mission, Kirk of the Pines, which is through the Presbytery of Florida and The Caribbean. Although we won't officially begin our support until July, you can learn more about Kirk of the Pines and their ministry at <https://www.kirkofthepines.com/>. (Kirk means



Jan and Gabe Swing

"church.") The Outreach Committee wants to add a mission where Bethany can visit as a church family or can send our senior youth to the mission field for a week.

Pastor Gabe Swing has been involved in transformative ministry since 1998. Gabe and his wife, Jan met on a short term mission trip to Mexico. They were married on an island off the coast of North Carolina in 2000 and they have two children, Kenny and Grace. Gabe graduated from UNCC with a BA in Psychology and from South eastern Seminary with a Masters of Divinity.

Gabe has served as a youth pastor in Charlotte, Lake Norman Area and Myrtle Beach, SC. Gabe was ordained as a Minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in 2005.

The Swing family moved in February 2012 to Long Island, Bahamas, to join the ministry of the Caribbean Youth Network. Gabe served as the ministry coordinator on Long Island until the summer of 2015. He and his family now live in Abaco where he serves as the Out Island Coordinator for staff on the smaller islands. He is also pastoring a church plant of the Presbyterian Church in Marsh Harbour.

Jan spends many hours contributing to ministry as well. She serves a particular role in the hosting of short term mission teams. To learn more visit <https://www.facebook.com/Swingmission>.

Barrett and Carrie Hendrickson are also missionaries at Kirk of the Pines. They are from the Pittsburgh area and may be able to visit us when they next return to the area. To learn more about the Hendricksons you can visit their website at <https://www.hendricksonmission.com>.

(continued from page 1) Barrett grew up in Pittsburgh, in the youth program at Hebron Church. He graduated from Geneva College in 2002 with a degree in Youth Ministry and also earned a Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary. Barrett served at Hebron 2001-2020 working with students and leading worship. The Hendricksons (wife-Carrie, daughters-Marissa, Cortina & Paisley and

son-Soren) are excited to be doing family and student ministry on the island of Abaco.



Soren, Cortina, Barrett, Carrie, Paisley, and Marissa Hendrickson

Carrie grew up in the North Hills of Pittsburgh and graduated from Geneva College with a degree in Student Ministries. She spent 19 years at Hebron Church in Penn

Hills working her way from a student ministry associate to the Director of Student Ministry. Carrie brings years of experience teaching, and discipling students, and building leadership teams. She also has a background in art, which she looks forward to incorporating in her ministry in Abaco.

Kirk of the Pines has asked us to pray that they have wisdom and direction. There are so many needs because of Hurricane Dorian in 2019 and they want to be the best stewards of what God provides in helping the most people possible.



## *Under Construction*

We are very excited about the work happening in the ladies room on the first floor.

Smith Enterprises of Mercer is completing a major refresh which will include new flooring, lighting, paint, vanities and much more. The project should be completed in early April.

## *New Kitchen Coordinator*

Please welcome Amy Cameron as our new Kitchen Coordinator. Amy will be in charge of keeping everything neat and orderly in the kitchen. She is also in charge of maintaining the inventory of kitchen supplies. Amy's primary request is that if you put something into one of the refrigerators or freezer, please mark it with the purpose and date. If not, it may get tossed. Also, if you have an upcoming event and need something special in the way of supplies please let her know and she will arrange to have it available.





## Hope For Renewal

Bethany members had a great time traveling to Youngstown in February to visit Gary and Cindy Koerth at the recently completed Glenwood Grounds Cafe. The cafe is a ministry of Hope for Renewal which is one of our primary mission partners. About 25 people from Bethany made the trip and enjoyed the fellowship along with coffee and dessert served by Gary and Cindy. All were blessed by Gary's stories of how the cafe is ministering to the folks in the neighborhood surrounding the cafe.




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## Easter Flowers

Tulips, lilies & hyacinths available for \$12.00 each.

Fill out the order form below, and return it to the drop box in the rear lobby, offering plate, or mail to the church office with your payment by Friday, April 1st.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily      \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth      \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Celebration of the Risen Jesus

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## West Virginia Mission Trip

During the West Virginia Mission Trip we will be teaching Bible School in Circleville, WV. The trip dates are June 18-25, 2022. We'd love to have you join us for the week or even a few days of the trip! We still need teens and adults to help in this ministry to share Jesus with our friends in WV.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Sign up by Sunday, April 17
- Registration forms are on the counter at the Welcome Center
- Please give forms to Dan Cameron, Nancy Thompson, or leave at church office.

### HELP NEEDED BEFORE OR AFTER THE TRIP:

- Van drivers to travel to or from West Virginia. We need help getting the vans there and back. If you are free for one of the weekends and can help in that way, please contact Dan Cameron at 724-854-3052.
- We are also recruiting adults willing to pick up or return and clean the large vans from the rental facility in Grove City before and after the trip.

### HELP NEEDED IN WEST VIRGINIA DURING THE TRIP:

- Prayer warriors!
- Kitchen help
- Extra hands in the classrooms
- Camp help

Please continue to keep this mission trip in your prayers. Thank you!



## Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches are continuing each week after Church through April 10th. Won't you join us for in the Social Room for fellowship, a hot bowl of soup, and a yummy sandwich? We've had a nice turnout each week.

### **ON THE MENU:**

March 27 – Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese prepared by the Men's Breakfast Group

April 3 – Chili & Hot Dogs prepared by Session

April 10 – Wedding Soup & Sandwich by Jen & Bruce Wamboldt

A special "Thank You" to these cooks for taking the time to prepare a meal in March: Bev Gallagher, Nancy Heckathorn, and Ed Pears. We appreciate you sharing your cooking talents with the members of Bethany! Everything was DELICIOUS! We can't forget to mention our servers & clean-up crews – Thank you to everyone who has offered a hand in these tasks! We couldn't have done it without you.

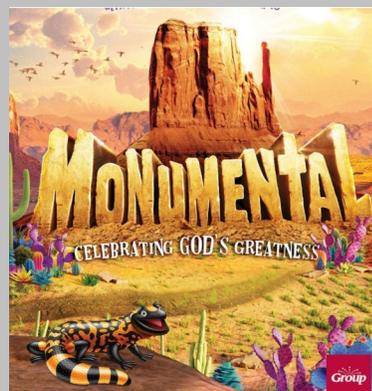




SUMMER CAMP (Impact Camp) is right around the corner! August 1st-5th at Heartland Conference Retreat Center! This is going to be an absolutely epic week that you do not want to miss! Students 6th through 12th grade are all welcome to join us! We will be planning a fundraising event to help with the cost of camp and want to make sure everyone who wants to go is able! Feel free to contact Jon at [jdangelo@bethany-presbyterian.org](mailto:jdangelo@bethany-presbyterian.org) for more information and keep and eye out for future announcements!

## VBS

Our summer will soon be in full swing, and no summer would be complete without VBS. MONUMENTAL is the series we are doing this year, and we couldn't be more pumped! Make sure and mark June 13th-17th on your calendars! The week will be full of crafts, snacks, activities, games, fellowship, songs, and most importantly the Gospel! If you'd like more information, feel free to contact Ashley D'Angelo at [adangelo@bethany-presbyterian.org](mailto:adangelo@bethany-presbyterian.org). Also be on the lookout for more announcements coming soon!



## Totally Terrific Tuesday

TTT is going great in March! Kids have been coming out for a great time of fun and learning about the Gospel. Family night has been a great success as well. We have been blessed with super volunteers that make all the activities fun and exciting.



## 42nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies



Bethany Church is honored to host the 42nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies on Saturday, May 7th. Pastors, their wives and Elders (approximately 125 – 150) from the Presbytery will be attending the meeting. Many volunteers are needed to help make this day a success, please consider volunteering. We will welcome our EPC friends from over 70 churches located in southwestern New York, eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. Contact Pat Amsler at [patamsler@bethany-presbyterian.org](mailto:patamsler@bethany-presbyterian.org) or sign-up at the Welcome Center to help with this event. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to promote the very best of Bethany Church!

## Root International in Need of Help

Becky Vogan and family is requesting support for their mission, Root International. Root does work throughout the United States and into Mexico. One aspect of the mission is to gather clothing, furniture, etc to transport to needed locations. Becky is requesting the help of 10 men on a rotating basis to help drive a truck with a trailer and pick up items from local churches and colleges and transport back to the Vogan location in Mercer. Her timeline is between May to October. A church in New Castle is having an early spring rummage sale. Becky is requesting 2 men on April 24th from 9 AM to about 12 noon to pick up the truck and trailer in Mercer at the Root House garage and pick up the items from the church in New Castle. Please call Becky at 724-699-2067 to volunteer. Thank you.

### Back Pack Program

Bethany completed packing 480 backpack meals for February and March. Trinity Church will be doing April and May. The backpack meals go to children who are identified as in need. Special thanks to Laurie Ruhlman, our shopper and Denny and Nancy Thompson and Karl Christy our delivery people and all the ladies who helped pack!

### April Ministry Focus



### Penn West

Watch for updates and information about what Young Life is doing in our community and Mercer County.

Area Director: Alex Eckerd

Staff Associates: Madeline Gladstone & Kevin Meiners

### Easter Brunch

The Deacons will be hosting an Easter Sunday brunch on April 17th. Plan to join us in the Social Room at 9:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship and Easter celebration! Coffee, juice, and donuts will be provided. If you'd like, bring a favorite breakfast dish to share.

# Bethany College Student Update



## Jessica Cameron

Jess graduated from Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Michigan in December 2021 with a double major in Marketing and Creativity & Innovation and a minor in Non-Profit. Jess is currently living at home and applying for jobs. She enjoys pottery and baking bread. Jess asks us to pray for a productive job search.



## Annie Miller

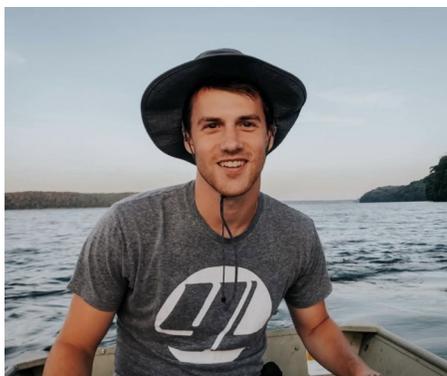
Annie graduated in December 2021 from California University of Pennsylvania with a BSBA Finance degree and a minor in Leadership. She now works for UPMC Corporate Services as an Accounting Analyst at the US Steel Tower in downtown Pittsburgh. Annie keeps busy with her two Australian shepherd puppies and traveling with her boyfriend. Some of Annie's college highlights include playing two semesters on CalU's Women's Tennis Team, interning with UPMC in 2021 as a Finance Summer Associate and graduating a semester early with a magna cum laude distinction. Annie asks for peace during this overwhelming yet exciting time as she recently moved into a new house and started her new job.



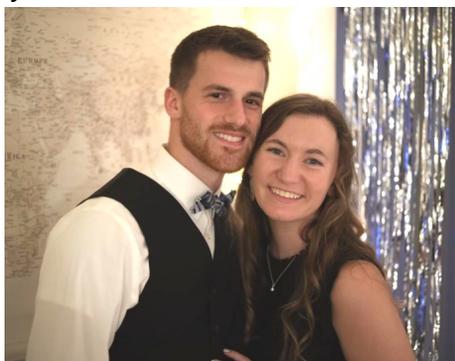
## Brittany Watson

Brittany graduated from Westminster College in May 2021 and is currently attending Akron University Law School and will be a JD Candidate in 2024. After graduation she plans to work in the legal field. Brittany asks for prayer to survive midterms and finals and that she can get some sleep.

## Josh Wamboldt



Josh will graduate from Penn State University in May 2022 with a BS in Computer Engineering and a minor in Cybersecurity. He is currently working part-time for Blue Mountain Quality Resources, State College, as a Software Implementation Analyst and will start full-time in August. He enjoys photography, disc golf, the outdoors and Young Life. Josh has served on the Young Life team for Penns Valley High School for 3-1/2 years. That is where he met



Kelly Donaldson as a co-leader. The two got engaged last fall. Also a PSU grad, Kelly is currently working as the



## Emalee Hostetler

In her second year at the University of Pittsburgh, Emalee is majoring in Russian with a Sociology minor. She plans to commission in the US Air Force after graduating in May 2024. When not spending time with ROTC, Emalee enjoys soccer and rock climbing. A highlight of her college career so far was attending a summer program at Pitt for Russian studies. Emalee asks for prayer to help her live in the moment so that she can enjoy college before it flies by.

Centre County Young Life Staff Associate and a wedding is planned for September 9, 2022. Josh asks

## Jon-Carl Hostetler



Jon-Carl will graduate from the University of Akron in May 2022 with a degree in Sports Management. He has held several positions as a Special Teams Assistant and Student Equipment Manager for the Akron Zips football team the last 5 years. A highlight of his college career was beating Northwestern in 2018. Jon-Carl would appreciate prayer for plans after college and the process of finding a job.



for prayers for guidance as he and Kelly step into marriage, as well as him starting a full-time job.



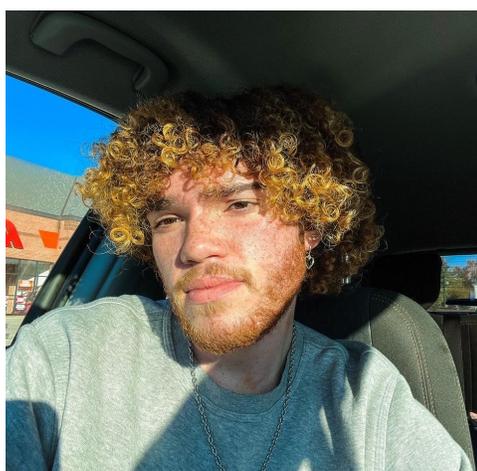
## Kylie Bish-Allen

Since graduating from Mercer High School in 2021, Kylie has been working at Professional Habilitation Services (PHS) in Mercer as an At-Home Service Provider. She works midnights with one client and takes another to horseback riding lessons during the day. Kylie is living with her mom, Katie, and sister, Sophia, 3 years (photo to right) and looking into online schools. Kylie asks for prayer for guidance on career planning. A big congratulations to Kyle and Billy Stouffer as they got engaged on February 28th!



## Kaitlin Wiggins

After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in May 2019 with a BS in Economics, Kaitlin is currently attending Pitt Law School. She will graduate in May 2022 and take the bar exam at the end of July 2022. She also works at Allegheny Attorneys At Law, P.C., a small criminal defense, family and landlord tenant firm. Kaitlin is currently buying a house and asks for prayer for a smooth move, a good end to her law school career and passing the bar exam. She is pictured to the right with her boyfriend, Justin Woodard who is a police officer for the Monessen Police Department.

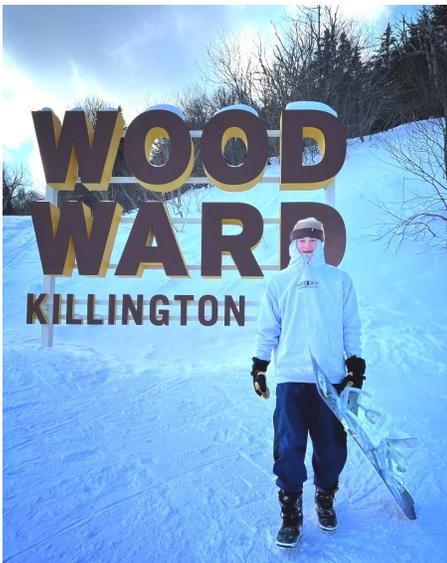


## Isaiah Phillips

In his second year at Oberlin College, Isaiah is majoring in Cinema Studies with a music minor. He has enjoyed getting to meet so many great friends in college. His interests include music, cooking and hanging out with friends. He plans to attend graduate school after he earns his bachelor's degree. Isaiah requests prayer for good grades in his classes and keeping up with his schedule.

## Aidan Bright

Aidan graduated from Mercer High School in 2021. He is now living in Clymer, New York and working at Peak'n Peak Resort as part of the ski terrain park crew. He enjoys business and travelling, most recently to Killington, Vermont for more skiing (photo below.) Aidan is considering attending college in the fall of 2022. He asks for prayer to stay healthy and find something that he loves to do for a career.



## Emily Bright

Emily completed her RN at the Jameson School of Nursing in 2021 and will graduate from Westminster College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May 2022. While finishing school, Emily works as an RN at Jameson Hospital in the ICU and plans to move to Pittsburgh after graduating. She enjoys dance and cooking in her spare time. Emily asks that we pray for continued good health and to finish college strong.



## Brianna Dunlap

Bri is in her second year at Westminster College and expects to graduate in May of 2024. She majors in Psychology and minors in Music and Spanish. She plans to go into vocational ministry wherever the Lord leads. Her hobbies include music, youth ministry, leading worship, hiking, traveling, woodworking, and a good cup of coffee! Bri asks for prayer in trusting God to provide and lead her in family relationships as well as being able to witness to college students.

### Bethany's 2022 Financial Statement through February

Income	\$86,274	Expenses	\$74,161	Difference	\$12,113
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## Elders & Deacons

**Elders:**

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Chuck Kite, Ed Lindey,  
Valerian Moeller, Joe Phillips,  
Earl Runcan

**Deacons:**

Amy Cameron, Sue Horkey,  
Madalin Huff, Ken Knechtel,  
Lynda McQuown, Delores Palmer,  
Ed Pears, Lynn Runcan, Betsy Rust,  
Kim Watson, Carol Wiggins

## Bethany Staff

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*Pastor Bill Woodman*

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*Mrs. Ashley D'Angelo*

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*Mr. Josiah Forton*

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