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**Bethany Union Church
of Chicago**

**Worship with us
Sundays at 10:30a
In-person**

**On our Bethany Union Church of
Chicago Facebook Page or on our
website www.bethanyunion.com**



Welcome October 2023!

Here comes the Fall—my favorite time of year.

We are gifted with five Sundays in October; we begin a new sermon series; we celebrate our annual Totenfest on the Sunday nearest to All Souls/Saints Day, Sunday, October 29, 2023. We have three members that we will be remembering as we call out their names, tone the bell, and place a memorial candle on the altar.

On the first Sunday of October, we will conclude our sermon series on “Rooted in...” and then the very next Sunday, we will launch into a new sermon series entitled “Doing Cardio with Jesus.” This six-week sermon series concerns transformational discipleship and centers on wholeness, maturity, trauma, belonging, heart stuff, and then “Living the life.”

October 6 is our annual Steak Fry Dinner. Tickets are available now at the office, or see Chuck Diddia on a Sunday morning. Our Steak Fry is always a pleasant fellowship time; live music will play in the background as we dine. Reserve your tickets now!

See you in Church,
+Pastor Larry Cameron
12th Seated Pastor of the Historic Bethany Union Church of Chicago

IN HONOR OF PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH,
CONSIDER: WE DON'T CHANGE THE MESSAGE; THE
MESSAGE CHANGES US. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10:30A – World Communion Sunday - the LAST DAYS TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL STEAK FRY; LAST DAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO TEAM RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES ON BEHALF OF MARIO BUTLER-DEL RIO



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING during Fellowship. Members are encouraged to participate in the business of Bethany Union Church as we care for and grow our campus and ministry.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1P – A TIME FOR PRAYER & HEALING (GR)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 6:30P – ANNUAL STEAK FRY – Reservations Only; we can't accommodate walk-ins.

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 16, 23, & 30, 8A-5P – COURAGE 2 LOVE IN ACTION (SANCT, GR, SR)

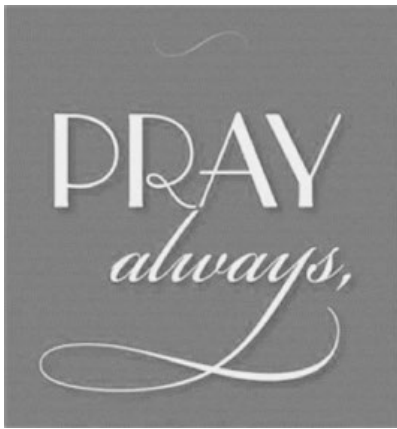
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 10A-4P, TEECH – Children's Winter Coat Give-Away – Parking Lot/Social Hall (weather dictates)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 4:30P-7:30P – OPEN MIC NIGHT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10:30A– TOTENFEST



**1 Pastor Larry &
Bethany Union Church (10 years)
26 Ellen & Curt Villanova**



Pastor Larry & family; Sheila Reid; Tom Van Swol; Sloop family; Jack Peirce & family; Ede Iversen; Lillie Joseph; Signe & Charles Morgan; Jaden; the Butler-Del Rio/Charles Family, Lisa Butler-Del Rio, Angela Butler, Team RMHC; Bruce McFadden; Rafael H; Shelby's family & friends; Colin Kruse (son of Becky Heniff in thanksgiving for his speedy recovery); The Panush family; Bev Kotnour; Miller/Hahn family; Rose & Tony Norris family; Bernice Edwards (Portals of Glory); Jack Voight; Patsy Tichy; peace & tranquility; the homeless, displaced, and hungry; in thanksgiving for our every blessing; For the safety of our Law Enforcement and First Responders, James Walls, Lawrence Walls, Langston Walls, Tony Franchetti; Jafa (son of Rev Brandee

Jasmine) who is hospitalized; Margaret Walson family & friends; earthquake victims; Bethany Union Church 2024 Stewardship Campaign.

GATHERED AS ONE BODY

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 1, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

"This do in remembrance of me," Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then, He broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love, and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. "In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth" (John Oxenham).

Thank you, Lord!

**The Historic
Bethany Union Church
of Chicago**

Annual
**Steak
Fry**

\$15.00 for Adults
\$10.00 for children under 12

*October 6th
6:30p.m.*



IMPACT MESSAGE FROM MARIO BUTLER-DEL RIO!

One week is left until race day – donations must be in before 10/6/2023.

I had a nice 12-mile mixed run on my @ifit treadmill today with @tommy_rivs

For anyone who is thinking of what impact their donation might have for @rmhc, here is food for thought...

\$100 provides one night for a family to stay close to their child, receive a warm meal, a place to relax and recharge so they may be their best when making medical decisions, and be by their child's side. Our team is on target to provide 20,000 of those nights with your generous support! Now that's impact!

Thank you for your consideration.

There are a couple of ways to donate: through Bethany Union Church or through Mario's donation link:

<http://support.rmhc.org/goto/mdogrio>

THE TEECH FOUNDATION

Our thanks to Rev. Dr. Karen White and Team. They are instrumental in keeping our Church campus clean and orderly. Without a full-time custodian, our facility would be sorely lacking. The TEECH Clients are also taught the same respect for our building. They wash floors, dust pews, vacuum, service the washrooms, and ensure our hallways are welcoming; outside, they do daily maintenance and ensure our property is safe and beautiful.

IN THANKSGIVING

Becky Heniff's son, Colin Kruse, has returned to school after his serious head injury in a bike accident. Rev Brandee Jasmine's son, Jafa, is home and surgery was a success.



HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES

Well, “this old house” will undergo significant capital improvement in the next month. Our church board has voted to air condition our sanctuary. I have contracted with Hobson Heating and Airconditioning to install our system in the next month or so. The installation will consist of two 3-ton heat pump units on the east side of the sanctuary and two air handling units above the windows on the east wall of the sanctuary. With the impact of global warming, the temperatures we experienced this past summer are projected to continue or even worsen. Next year, we will be more comfortable in the sanctuary, hopefully increasing attendance. The sanctuary will also be much more attractive as a wedding and funeral venue.

In addition to that major undertaking, in the past month, we have had three sections of bad sidewalk replaced on the north side of the parking lot, had the parking lot evergreens trimmed and shaped, had the four cushions for the shortened pews cut, and sewn to fit the shorter pews, removed the large screen in front of the reredos above the altar, and replaced the bulbs illuminating the reredos. The TEECH group and Lorraine Morgan also do day-to-day cleaning. All in all, we do our best to keep “this old house” in as good shape as possible.

Thank You!

Chuck Diddia

House Chairman

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Yep, it is that time of year again. During the 4th quarter of each year, we are asked to consider the blessings we have and are encouraged to give thanks and share our good fortune with our church. I know as we all recover from the impacts of COVID, it is somewhat slow going. But we have had many blessings, and the need for us all to participate in our Stewardship drive has never been greater. Just as in your own life, everything we do at Bethany Union Church has a price; utilities have gone up, our insurance has increased significantly, and repairs and upgrades to our campus and Howe house are required like clockwork. However, salaries for all our staff and music program have remained level for some time. Soon, you will all receive a letter with a pledge/giving card enclosed. I ask that you take time to assess your personal situation, your blessings, and, as best you can, what you can do to support God’s work through Bethany Union Church. Our doors are rarely closed with our commitment to scouting programs, community outreach, helping the less fortunate, and worshiping together each Sunday. Nancy and I are truly blessed and grateful for the many years our family has enjoyed as members of this wonderful church. So, please join us in supporting the ongoing ministry of Bethany Union Church of Chicago.

May God continue to bless you all!

Chuck Diddia

Treasurer



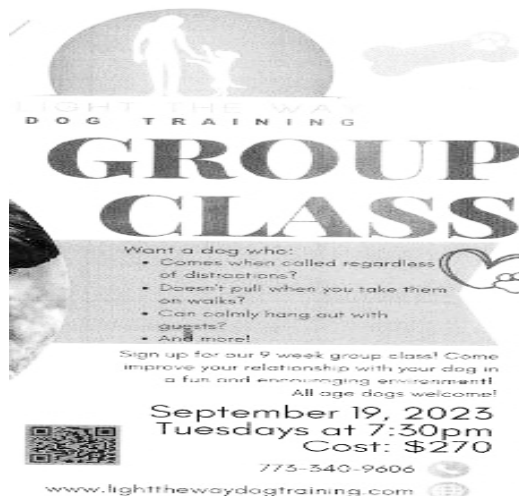
CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

WATER — Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman’s leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst, and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

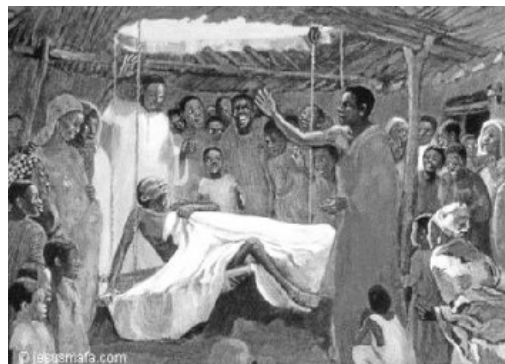
Bethany Union Church is proud to help support groups and businesses within our community that improve our lives and the lives of our friends and neighbors. There are activities going on throughout the Fall and winter. Please keep it in mind if you're looking for something to do.

The All Saints Mission, Deacon Benedict, presents:

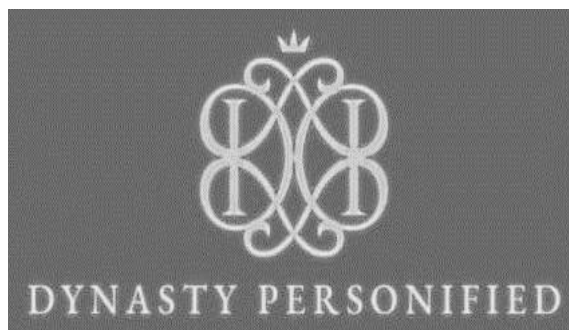
- October 4, 1p, in the Garth Room - A Time of Prayer & Healing
- October 28, 12p-3p, Social Hall



Light The Way Dog Training
Tuesdays at 7:30p



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- October 9, 6:30p in the Garth Room (2nd Monday of the month) Priceless Gems Monday
- October 14, 5p, in the Garth Room – Prayer Praise & Pajamas



Courage to Love (C2L) seeks to create trauma-informed healing communities that reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in Auburn Gresham and its surrounding neighborhoods. C2L believes that love at all levels—interpersonal, community, systemic—can help buffer and prevent the stress of racism that affects the bodies of Black women and their babies. When we practice loving community, our mothers and babies can thrive for organizations and individuals interested in actively participating in restorative justice practices for families. There are attendance

requirements to participate.

For more information about their programs and community involvement, please go

<https://www.courage2love.org>

- October 16, 23, 30, 9a-5p - Core Workshop Cohorts

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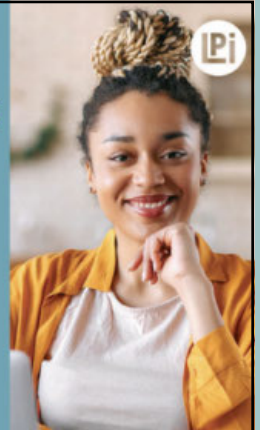


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