The role of Assistant Pastor is one that complements the role of the Sr. Pastor, shares in general ministry responsibilities with the Sr. Pastor, and will be responsible for particular ministries all to further the ministry and growth of Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCA). The Assistant Pastor will primarily be focused on families with children and Youth Ministry but will also share the responsibilities of preaching and the administration of the sacraments as determined by the Sr. Pastor and Session. He will be directly accountable to the Sr. Pastor and the Session. During the first three years of ministry the Assistant Pastor will be mentored and discipled by the Sr. Pastor and Session with a view toward becoming an Associate Pastor.

Bethany is a growing church in a rural community and is committed to discipling our young families and their covenant children to be the current and future leaders of the church. We are inviting applicants who have a passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and in particular, are excited about discipling young families and assisting them in raising their covenant children.

**We are looking for a man who is/has:**

A commitment to the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God and sole authority of life and practice.

Biblically qualified for pastoral ministry

A seminary degree (M.Div.)

An ability to teach the Scriptures from a Reformed and Covenantal perspective in a way that will communicate to our culture.

Theological integrity in all matters of ministry.

An ability to manage and equip volunteers for ministry both as teachers and leaders.

A commitment to prayer and will pray for and with the congregation on a regular basis, encouraging prayer as a regular and integral part of every person’s life of faith.

Gifted to teach, train, and make disciple-making disciples

Able to be ordained in (or have ordination transferred into) the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America

**The Assistant Pastor to Families with Children**

Will oversee the Coordinators of Christian Education for both adults and covenant children.

Will plan and coordinate (along with other group leaders) special group events and outings for families with young children.
Will develop relationships and foster ways to connect “Twenty Somethings” to one another and the church.

Provide primary leadership for the Bethany Presbyterian youth groups.

Preach the Word of God on the occasions as established by the Session and the Senior Pastor.

Administer the Sacraments monthly on the occasions as established by the Session and the Senior Pastor; working with the Session and other appropriate groups to ensure that the elements are prepared for Communion.

Prepare congregants for membership in the church, including leading membership preparation class.

Counsel families, youth and individuals of the church, and refer people to professional counselors as needed.

Visit the sick in homes and hospitals; administer communion to shut-ins; contact inactive members; contact prospective members, inviting them into the community of the church.

Teach or lead a small group as needed; recruit and develop small group leaders.

Join the Senior Pastor and Ruling Elders in the ministry of visitation

Applicants should complete the MDF, with a cover letter explaining your interest in the position, and send it to danielslaten@yahoo.com.