

BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

May 2018



One of my favorites from spring 1996, it came to mind in the midst of spring-cleaning. Enjoy! Pastor Todd

Cleaning out the garage can be quite an enlightening experience. We spent Saturday doing just that. The first thing we did was to pull everything bigger than a breadbasket out of the garage, quite an unenviable task.

Then we sent little bodies into the nooks, crannies and corners of the place that slightly larger bodies couldn't fit into and watched as more junk came out than I care to admit. Now this was no ordinary junk, this was junk that at one time served important irreplaceable purposes.

First came the endless march of cardboard boxes, I shuddered to think how many trees gave their lives to move our small, well not so small, posse to Iowa. I proceeded cutting the boxes into neat pieces to make neat bundles for the recycling truck. Maybe some other unsuspecting family may use them to move someday.

Next came two mangled hubcaps. Now I have received more than a few jokes

from the youth over my hubcap less tires. But each time I see the things I shudder at my naiveté. You see just a few days before moving here, I was assured by my friendly neighborhood mechanic, that my hub cap locks were not necessary to keep the hub cap on the car: They were strictly an anti-theft device.

Yet a day later I watched my poor defenseless hubcaps roll off my car and right under the wheels of a slow-moving semi. Why I retrieved them I do not know, but believe it or not it felt good to place them in the bin. Throwing them away in an odd way puts closure on that embarrassing yet emotionally volatile event.

Then came the endless march of broken toys, a deflated Mickey mouse ball, a power ranger badly in need of a charge, a wiffleball bat that had seen Jacob clear the fence for the first time in the back yard of our Missouri home etc. etc.

All of this at was one-time valuable stuff being cleaned out and thrown out, invoking memories good and bad. Then, before we knew it, we were done. There before us sat a spanking clean garage with new space just waiting to be filled with new memories, good and not so good, I am sure, but just as important and pertinent memories as before. What a wonderful feeling.

In many ways I think as humans we need to take time to take inventory inside ourselves and do a little spring-cleaning. As the Pentecost season approaches maybe we should take the time to look within, empty ourselves before God and do a little recycling of our own.

The sign out in front of the church not to long ago said "Let Go and Let God". It can be a good thing to do. Instead of clearing shelf space, we are clearing "soul space" allowing ourselves time to process all those events and experiences and memories that shape us, keeping some, recycling some, and throwing away others to allow room for personal and spiritual growth. Food for thought...Pastor Todd

Summer
Worship
Hours
will begin on ...
May 27th
9:30 a.m.



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Anthony Saneman ~ 05/01

Melissa Rangel ~ 05/02

Robert Scott ~ 05/03

Brandon Smithson ~ 05/05

Jane Turner ~ 05/04

Zachary Saneman ~ 05/07

Betty Saneman ~ 05/09

Marcanne Saneman ~ 05/11

Shannon Troyer Swinscoe ~ 05/11

Marta Kastner ~ 05/13

Lynne DiBastiani ~ 05/17

Eddie Calary ~ 05/20

Tanya Mattheiss ~ 05/20

Jennifer Calary ~ 05/22

Ginny Eberwein ~ 05/22

Ruth Howard ~ 05/22

Amy Kauffman ~ 05/23

Mary Ellen Reeves ~ 05/26

Pat Denbow ~ 05/27

Rebecca Comaty ~ 05/29

Mark DiBastiani ~ 05/29

James Nystrom ~ 05/31



Ron and Ani Holmes

May 1st

Garry and Martha Ann Smithson

May 3rd

George and Mary Ellen Reeves

May 5th

Frank and Sandy Hughes

May 6th

Blair and Tanya Mattheiss

May 9th

Scott and Jennifer Henderson

May 12th

David and Andrea Wiley

May 14th

Travis and Chrissie Galliher

May 17th

Jack and Nancy Mory

May 24th

Per Capita for 2018

The cost of the Per Capita per person for 2018 is **\$34.38**. Please be sure to send in your portion by the end of the year. If you receive contribution envelopes, you will find a blue Per Capita envelope in your box for your convenience. You can drop it in the offering plate on Sundays.

DEACON'S UPDATE

We uphold the following members, relatives and friends in our prayers and pray God's healing upon them:

Prayer Concerns

Gretchen Shanklin, Billy Gross, Bruce Young, Leonora Rose, Jason Rowley, Nancy Sacks, Betty Saneman, Dorothy Goldstein, George Reeves, Allen Eberwein, Jack Shaul, and Bill Pullen.

Bruce Snyder, friend of John and Sandy Louderback and Carol Morrow.

Rev. Bruce and Barbara Barstow, former pastor at Bethel and his wife.

Joseph Biondo, uncle of Gary Lowe.

Ed Sturtevant, friend of Bethel.

Dan Kelleher, brother-in-law of Jack and Betty Rogers.

Jay and Martha Elliott's grandson, James Kennedy, friends of Dan and Mary Beth Scott.

Howard Eisner, brother-in-law of Carol Morrow.

Dan Garey, brother of Sandy Louderback.

Lynn Zeichner, friend of Sandy Louderback.

Phyllis Sheridan, friend of Sandy Hughes.

Gail Lowe will be updating the Prayer Concerns. If you would like to add someone or you feel someone can be removed from the list, please call Gail at 443-567-0150 or email her at gggalowe@aol.com

Thank you

Dear Partners in God's Mission,

Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Mission! Your faithful and generous giving allows all of us who work together in God's mission to bring the gospel of Christ to all corners of the world. It provides the funds to help bear the burdens of those in times of crisis, those in poverty, those who are in need. Thank you for partnering with us in that call.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: Christmas Joy Offering of \$812 and One Great Hour of Sharing of \$120.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication, and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner.

Yours in Christ,
Sy Hughes
Mission Engagement Advisor
Bryce Wiebe
Director, Special Offerings
Presbyterian Church USA



Dear Bethel Family,

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who stepped in when I got the flu and helped our family provide a beautiful funeral service for my husband, Ted. Pastor Todd Smith lovingly painted a reminiscent picture of Ted's life and who he was as a person. Then our guests were treated with an abundant and tasty buffet. Also, special thanks to Kathleen Clayton for kindly serving as the organist.

May the Lord Bless You All,
Beverly Schmidt

Church Groups

CHURCH FLOWERS

Interested in donating flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday mornings? Please feel free to call Betty Rogers at 410-692-6579.

Let her know if the donation is in memory of a loved one or in celebration of birthdays or anniversaries.



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will be meeting on **May 2nd & 16th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women while learning a craft, we welcome you join in on the fun.



MARY'S CIRCLE

Women of Bethel, come and expand your knowledge of the Bible. This Woman's Bible Study Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to feel the love of other Christian women, you are cordially invited to attend their next meeting on **May 8th** in the Foyer of the CE Building.



THE BREAKFAST BUNCH

The men's bible study group will meet on **May 3rd and 17th at 7:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be available. The lesson will end at 8:00 a.m. If you would like information regarding this group, please call Bob Horn at 443-807-0563, or send an email to hornsrbb@aol.com



CHANCEL CHOIR

Bethel Chancel Choir will have rehearsals every **Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We would love to have you join our choir. Please feel free to attend rehearsal and lend your voice for our Worship Service each Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact our Music Director, Kirsten Fitzsimmons via email at ...



kirstenfitzsimmonsmusic@hotmail.com

HOME VISITS

If you need a little extra support and guidance, are having an upcoming surgery, or you need some one-on-one time with Pastor Todd, please feel free to call Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or you can email her at melissadick@bethel-md.org to schedule a Home Visit.

Your spiritual well being is as important as your physical well being.



Church Events



What a glorious day of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ ! We are very blessed to have such dedicated and loving members at Bethel Church. Our Easter morning services were full of inspiration and guidance for a new beginning with Christ. We hope you had the opportunity to join us for this day of worship and fellowship with your family and fellow Bethel members. We hope you enjoy the snapshots of our joyous festivities.



Church Events



Seven-O Luncheon

Once again, the Bethel Church Deacons have outdone themselves with this year's Seven-O Luncheon with an outstanding array of delectable dishes enjoyed by all. We are grateful for this group of extremely dedicated, caring, energetic, enthusiastic, talented women who always go above and beyond for the members of our church. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go out to each and every person involved with making this day memorable.



Church Events



The Deer Creek Youth Choir will be performing for Bethel Church on ...

**Tuesday ~ May 1st
at 7:00 p.m.**

Please be sure to mark your calendars and call Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or email her at melissadick@bethel-md.org to let us know that you will attending this **FREE** concert

Non-Bethel Members' cost for the concert will be ...

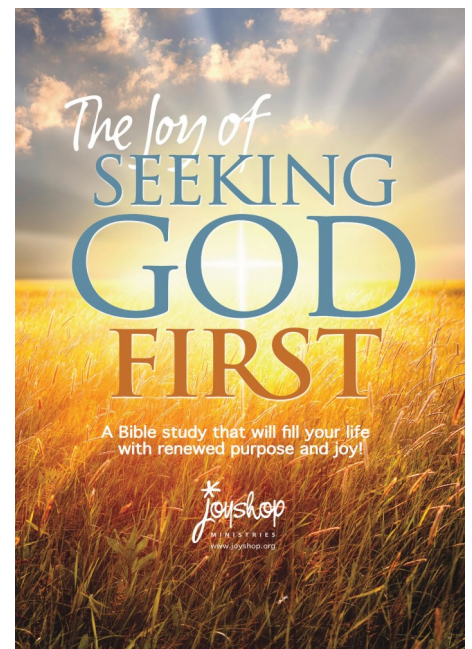
Adults — \$10 Students — \$5

Women's Bible Study

Please join us for this monthly study group that continues with ***The Joy of seeking God First*** workshop that will fill your life with renewed purpose and joy

The group will meet the third Wednesday of each month for the next 6 months at 6:15 p.m. in the Church Office Conference Room

Wednesday ~ May 16th



Church Events

Children's Day & Graduates Day



Christian Education Committee will be celebrating

The Children of Bethel

Sunday, May 20th

during Worship Service

Please be advised the Sunday School Students
will be presented with new pins this year.

Our previous pin system is no longer available
and the Christian Education Committee will
be adopting a new pin system

BETHEL

FLEA

MARKET



We are partnering with the Jarrettsville Lions Club
to host our Spring Flea Market on ...

Saturday — June 16th at 8:00 a.m.

Rain Date — June 23rd

Spaces are \$15 each

Please be sure to contact Melissa Dick in the
Church Office - 410-692-5282 or by
email at melissadick@bethel-md.org
to reserve your space.

Church Events



Church Picnic

We sure to mark your calendars because you do not want to miss

Bethel's Annual Church Picnic on ...

Sunday – July 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

at Clear Meadow Farm

We ask that each family bring a large side dish or dessert to share.
Please contact Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282
to let us know how many people will be attending with you

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Corn on the Cob & Beverages
will be supplied by Bethel Presbyterian Church**



Get ready for this year's ...

Vacation Bible School

Join us for a fun filled adventure at Bethel Church on ...

July 24th, 25th & 26th

5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Please be sure to contact our Christian Educator — Chrissie Galliher
Cell: 443-807-2367 or Email: cgalliher24@gmail.com
for more details ... we can't wait to see you there !

Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on April 19, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd, devotion led by Elder Dennis Kirkwood, who also led us in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Approved Feb 15, 2018 session minutes.

Moved and seconded to make donation of \$200. To NHHS PTSA Baccalaureate Service on May 20, 2018. Carries

Elder Margie Fielder would like Clover Life Farm 4-H Club to meet on Friday evenings from 6-8 p.m. – September thru May in the Fellowship Hall. Appd.

Request from Elder Margie Fielder on behalf of 4-H to have Fashion Review and to use Fellowship Hall on the following dates: Thurs. May 3, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Sat. July 7 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. , July 21 9 -12 p.m.

Moved and seconded for baptism of Cooper Andrew Swinscoe, son of Shannon Troyer Swinscoe and Lee Swinscoe on Sunday April 22, 2018 during worship service. Appd.

Moved and seconded for Tyler Sambor to sell Pit Beef the day of the Flea Market June 16, 2018. The proceeds would go to completion of his Eagle Scout Project of the swings and fire pit. Carries.

Jane Burgess' Blue Ribbon 4-H Club to plant flowers between the sanctuary and foyer of the C E Building.

Bridge Group will be moving its meeting location to the church office basement beginning in the Fall of 2018 to accommodate the Youth Choir while the Chorale rehearses in the sanctuary on the same evening.

Moved and seconded to refurbish three octave hand bells sets. Funding would come from either the Hand Bell Fund or Edie Grant.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL – Moved to purchase an AED unit to be installed at a convenient place between sanctuary and Educational Building. Training on the device will be offered to Board members. Funding to come from Edie Grant or Memorial Fund.

Moved to request representative from Sheriff's Office to meet with Board members to suggest safe conduct of church ac

SESQUIBICENTENNIAL (SBC) Task Force Committee – Elder Dennis Kirkwood gave an update as to how there would be a year-long period celebration focusing on and seeing what ideas folks would like to see happen during the year-long celebration of Bethel's 250th Anniversary.



The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Todd.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly S. Winskowski
Clerk of Session

2018

MAY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour	30	01  7:00 p.m. Concert 4:30 DCYC Rehearsals 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Trustees Meeting	02 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	03 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 7:00 pm DCC Rehearsal 7:00 pm Margie Fielder - 4-H	04	05
06 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour	07 7:00 Deacons Meeting	08 1:30 Mary's Circle 2:00 SBC Task Force 4:30 DCC Annual Dinner 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Finance Committee Mtg.	09 6:30 pm Boy Scouts #265 7:00 Care & Reach Out Team 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	10 7:00 Deer Creek Board Meeting	11	12
13 Happy Mother's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 1:30 Cub Scout #809 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club	14 1:00 AARP Board Meeting 4:00 Mission Committee 7:00 Worship & Music 7:00 Admin & Personnel	15 4:30 DCYC Open House 6:30 Bridge Group	16 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 6:15 pm Woman's Bible Study 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	17 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 7:00 pm Session	18	19
20  Children's Day / Graduates Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour	21 12:00 AARP Monthly Meeting	22 5:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group 6:30 OE Meeting	23 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	25	26
27 Summer Worship Hours Begin 9:30 Worship Service No Hospitality Hour Today	28 Memorial Day Church Office is CLOSED	29 6:30 Bridge Group	30 6:30 pm Scout Crew #265 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	31	01	02